



Cincinnati mayor John Cranley speaks during a news conference at Cincinnati City Hall in downtown Cincinnati on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. Samuel DuBose was shot and killed on Sunday, July 19 during a traffic stop in Mount Auburn by UC police officer Ray Tensing. Tensing was fired from the department following an indictment for murder Wednesday.

(Sam Greene/The Enquirer via AP)

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — A University of Cincinnati police officer who shot a motorist during a traffic stop over a missing front license plate has been indicted on murder charges and a prosecutor said Wednesday that the officer “purposely killed him.” Prosecutor Joe Deters

announced the grand jury indictment at a news conference to discuss developments in the investigation into the July 19 shooting of 43-year-old motorist Samuel DuBose by Officer Ray Tensing. DuBose’s death comes amid months of national scrutiny of police dealings

with African-Americans, especially those killed by officers. DuBose was black. Tensing is white. Authorities haven’t indicated whether race was a part of the investigation. Authorities have said Tensing spotted a car driven by DuBose and missing the

front license plate, which is required by Ohio law. They say Tensing stopped the car and a struggle ensued after DuBose refused to provide a driver’s license and get out of the car. Tensing has said he was dragged by the car and forced to shoot at DuBose.

He fired one shot, striking DuBose in the head. But Deters dismissed Tensing’s claim that he was dragged by the car and suggested that he shouldn’t have pulled DuBose over to begin with.

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## After nuclear deal; Iran, France talk of 'new era' in ties

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**Associated Press**

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — France sought Wednesday to re-launch diplomatic ties with Iran in the hope of boosting business in the country, following a key nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers reached earlier this month.

ment, we hope that things are going to change," Fabius told reporters ahead of a series of meetings with Iranian top officials, including president Hassan Rouhani. Iran's state news agency IRNA described the visit — the first by a French foreign minister in over a decade — as the start of a "new

Iran by the end of summer. France hopes to position itself to benefit from Iran's promising economy. The country of 80 million is set for 3-percent growth this year. Iran has the fourth-largest oil reserves and the second-largest gas reserves of the world. The July 14 deal between Iran and six world powers



**Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, right, and his French counterpart Laurent Fabius shake hands for media prior to their round of talks in Tehran, Iran, Wednesday, July 29, 2015. Iran's state media say French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius's visit to Iran is the start of a 'new era' in bilateral relations following a historic nuclear deal with world powers earlier this month.**

(AP Photo/Ebrahim Noroozi)

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius called his one-day visit to Iran "an important trip" and tried to soften tensions created by France's hard line on the nuclear issue.

"It is true that in the past few years, for reasons everybody knows, ties have been weaker. But now, with the nuclear agree-

era" in bilateral ties. Rouhani told Fabius that the nuclear deal could "bring better relations with Europe," IRNA reported.

Fabius said he carried an invitation from French President Francois Hollande for Rouhani to visit France in November and that a French economic delegation is expected to arrive in

— the U.S., Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany — is meant to curb Tehran's nuclear program in exchange for lifting sanctions. Fabius' trip followed that of EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini the day before, as the bloc and Iran also pursue closer relations after the nuclear deal. □

## US official: Debris in Indian Ocean belongs to Boeing 777

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Air safety investigators have a "high degree of confidence" that aircraft debris found in the Indian Ocean is of a wing component unique to the Boeing 777, the same model as the Malaysia Airlines plane that disappeared last year, a U.S. official said Wednesday. Air safety investigators —

one of them a Boeing investigator — have identified the component as a "flaperon" from the trailing edge of a 777 wing, the U.S. official said.

A French official close to an investigation of the debris confirmed Wednesday that French law enforcement is on site to examine a piece of airplane wing found on the French island of Reunion, in the western Indian Ocean. A French television network was airing video

from its Reunion affiliate of the debris. U.S. investigators are examining a photo of the debris.

The last primary radar contact with Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 placed its position over the Andaman Sea about 230 miles northwest of the Malaysian city of Penang. The French island of Reunion is about 3,500 miles (5,600 kilometers) southwest of Penang, according to a Google map. □

## Russia vetoes Security Council proposal on MH17 tribunal: AP

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**Associated Press**

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — Russia on Wednesday vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution that would set up an international criminal court to prosecute those responsible for shooting down a Malaysia Airlines plane over Ukraine a year ago.

The foreign ministers of the Netherlands, Australia and Ukraine attended a meeting over the downing that killed all 298 people on board Flight MH17. The countries are among the five nations investigating the incident, along with Malaysia and Belgium.

Ukraine and the West suspect the plane, traveling from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur, was hit by a surface-to-air missile fired by Russian soldiers or Russia-backed separatist rebels on July 17, 2014. Russia denies that, and state media have alleged the plane was shot down by a Ukrainian missile or warplane.

"Russia has callously disregarded the public outcry in the grieving nations," U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power said, adding that the United States was among the 18 countries that lost citizens in the disaster.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop of Australia, which lost 39 citizens, said, "The veto only compounds the atrocity." Three countries abstained from the vote: China, Angola and Venezuela, whose ambassador said victims' suffering shouldn't be used politically.

Wednesday's vote followed a last-minute effort to lobby Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has said setting up a tribunal would not make sense while the investigation continued.

The Dutch ambassador to the U.N., Karel van Oosterom, tweeted a statement saying Prime Minister Mark Rutte told Putin that "it was preferable to make a decision about the tribunal before the facts and charges have been established precisely in order to avoid politicizing the prosecution process."

But the Kremlin quoted Putin as saying a tribunal would be "inexpedient" because Russia still has "a lot of questions" about the investigation to which it had little access.

Russia had offered its own draft that demanded justice for those responsible for the crash without calling for a tribunal. Russian Ambassador Vitaly Churkin told the council after the vote that such a tribunal risked not being impartial and being subject to media "propaganda," and he called past tribunals for the Rwanda genocide and the violence in the former Yugoslavia "expensive."

Ministers from the five investigating countries, along with allies in the 15-member council, later stressed that other legal options are available, but some acknowledged that a tribunal established by the council remains the best option. Some indicated they might pursue it again.

"We will very quickly agree on the next step," Dutch Foreign Minister Bert Koenders told reporters. "I assure you we haven't lost time."

The foreign ministers also met Wednesday morning with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who called for justice and accountability.

A preliminary report released in the Netherlands last year said the plane had no technical problems in the seconds before it broke up in the sky after being struck by multiple objects — a conclusion that experts said likely pointed to a missile strike.

The investigation led by the Dutch Safety Board aims only to determine the crash cause, not to ascribe blame. The probe is being led by The Netherlands because 196 of the victims were Dutch. □





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## Senate confirms Obama's pick for Joint Chiefs chair

DEB RIECHMANN  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Senate on Wednesday confirmed President Barack Obama's pick to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford Jr., who is currently commandant of the Marine Corps, is expected to take over Oct. 1 for Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, who will retire after a 41-year Army career. Dunford is a widely respected, combat-hardened commander who led the Afghanistan war coalition during a key transitional period during 2013-14.

During his 18 months in Afghanistan, Dunford oversaw the ongoing drawdown of U.S. troops, the transition to Afghan military lead in combat operations and the tumultuous Afghan elections that dragged on and stalled efforts to reach an agreement on the U.S. military's future presence in the country. The promotion cut short Dunford's service as the commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, a job he began last October. During his fast-tracked career, Dunford jumped from a one-star general to four stars in about three years.

Dunford, 59, is a Boston native who holds master's degrees in government from Georgetown University and international relations from Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. □

## Carter:

# Successful Iran nuclear deal better than strike

DEB RIECHMANN  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Wednesday that the U.S. armed forces stand ready to confront Iran, but told lawmakers that a successful implementation of the nuclear agreement with Tehran is preferable to a military strike.

Carter, Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and three members of President Barack Obama's Cabinet testified at a committee hearing as part of the White House's aggressive campaign to convince Congress to back the Iranian nuclear deal, which calls on Iran to curb its nuclear program in exchange for billions of dollars in sanctions relief.

Carter said there is a possibility that the nuclear agreement will move forward, but will not be "successfully implemented."

"That's why we are under instructions from the president to preserve, and indeed we are improving — and I can't get into that here — the military option," Carter said. "Temporary as it is, it needs to be there because that's our fall back." At the same time, Carter said that the successful implementation of the agreement would be better than taking military action because a strike would be temporary and likely



Secretary of State John Kerry, left, and Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, center, listen as Defense Secretary Ash Carter, right, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, July 29, 2015, before the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the impacts of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on U.S. interests and the military balance in the Middle East. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

would make Iran "irreconcilably resigned" to getting a nuclear weapon.

Dempsey added that implementation of the nuclear deal actually strengthens the military option because with enhanced inspections and access to sites in Iran, the U.S. would be able to obtain more knowledge about nuclear sites "that we might strike." Congress, which has begun a 60-day review of the deal, is expected to vote in September. If the Republican-controlled Congress passes a resolution of disapproval for the deal, Obama has said he

will veto it. The administration is hoping to secure the backing of Democrats to sustain the veto.

Earlier in the week, the White House won the backing of Democratic Rep. Sander Levin, a Jewish lawmaker whose support was critical because Iran has threatened to destroy Israel.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler met with members of a pro-Israel lobby Wednesday morning and then went to the White House to meet one-on-one with the president. "He (Obama) asked for the meeting. I assume he's doing it with a number of

people," Nadler said. "He's a very persuasive person and he knows his subject so I have to assume that if minds are open, some will be affected." Nadler, who is Jewish, said he hasn't decided. Underscoring the hard-fought gains and losses, New York Rep. Grace Meng, a Democratic member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, came out against the deal on Wednesday. She said the inspections protocols in the agreement are "flawed" and that she's concerned that Iran's nuclear infrastructure will remain intact. □





## US Cop Indicted on Murder in Traffic-Stop Shooting



Cincinnati Police Chief Jeffrey Blackwell, left, speaks with a protestor during a demonstration outside the Hamilton County Courthouse after murder and manslaughter charges against University of Cincinnati police officer Ray Tensing were announced for the traffic stop shooting death of motorist Samuel DuBose, Wednesday, July 29, 2015, in Cincinnati. Hamilton County sheriff's spokesman Michael Robison says 25-year-old Tensing turned himself in at the county justice center Wednesday afternoon.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

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"He fell backward after he shot (DuBose) in the head," Deters said.

On footage released from the body-camera video

Wednesday, the officer can be heard asking for DuBose's driver's license several times with DuBose at one point saying he had one. Later, DuBose says, "But I don't think I have it

on me."

Tensing asks DuBose to unbuckle his seat belt. About that time Tensing pulls on the door handle, and DuBose puts his hand on the door to keep it closed.

Then the video becomes shaky, but a gunshot can be heard and DuBose appears to be slumped in the seat before the car rolls away, coming to stop at a nearby corner.

DuBose's family had been pressing for release of the video, and news organizations including The Associated Press had sued Deters to get it released under Ohio open records law, but Deters released it before any ruling had been made. The University of Cincinnati said it fired Tensing after his indictment.

Tensing turned himself in Wednesday afternoon at the Hamilton County Justice Center and was processed on charges of murder and voluntary manslaughter.

Tensing's attorney, Stewart Mathews, didn't return phone messages seeking comment after the indictment announcement.

Mathews said earlier Wednesday that he thought an indictment was

likely "given the political climate" and comments made by city officials. But Mathews said given the evidence he's seen, he doesn't believe there should be an indictment.

Deters called the shooting "senseless" and "asinine." "He purposely killed him," Deters said. "He should never have been a police officer."

The prosecutor also said he thought it was time to reconsider the UC police department's role.

"I don't think a university should be in the policing business," Deters said.

A message for comment was left Wednesday with the police department. The university said earlier this week it plans an independent review of its police department's policies.

The University of Cincinnati on Wednesday closed its main campus in anticipation of grand jury action in the case.

If convicted, Tensing could face up to life in prison. □

## US: New York man tried to support Islamic State group

CAROLYN THOMPSON

Associated Press

BUFFALO, New York (AP) —

A New York State man traveled overseas in a bid to join the Islamic State group after buying night-vision goggles, a machete and body armor and pledging his loyalty to the group on Twitter, federal authorities said Wednesday after arresting him on a charge of attempting to provide material support to a designated terrorist organization.

Arafat Nagi posted multiple photos of beheadings and severed heads in 2014 before flying to Turkey, where he stayed for 10 days before continuing

on to Yemen for a month, a criminal complaint said. He was planning another trip, to Syria by way of Turkey and Yemen, within a few months, the complaint said. Investigators learned of Nagi's activities after being tipped off by residents alarmed by his jihadi beliefs, which he espoused in person and on social media, the complaint said.

"One community member ... felt that Nagi did pose a threat to this area," U.S. Attorney William Hochul said. "As you go through some of the (purchased) items of combat military gear, which include at least in one instance, a weapon,

we certainly took it very, very seriously, the possibility of danger to the community."

Nagi, 44, appeared in U.S. District Court, where he was ordered held without bail pending a hearing Friday. If convicted, he could face up to 15 years in prison. His court-appointed attorney, Jeremy Schwartz, told WGRZ-TV he had "no intention to engage in any terrorist activity."

Schwartz did not return a call seeking further comment Wednesday. Nagi has been on the radar of investigators for several years, said Peter Ahearn, who was in charge of the

FBI's Buffalo office in 2002 when the Lackawanna Six were arrested. The group of young men from the former steel town where Nagi lives eventually were imprisoned for attending an al-Qaida training camp in Afghanistan shortly before the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Nagi, Ahearn said, had wanted to make the original trip but couldn't, possibly because he couldn't afford it. Plans for a similar trip were then waylaid by the terror attacks, Ahearn said.

That his loyalty would now be with the Islamic State was not surprising, said

Ahearn, now a Washington-area consultant.

"He was a classic wanna-be," he said. "I think this is showing he's never been happy with the fact that he couldn't be part of a group so to speak. ... He wanted to be part of something like this."

Nagi is a U.S. citizen, but authorities did not know whether he was born in this country.

Hochul said Nagi's 2014 trip was his second to Turkey within the past three years. Nagi is believed to have been acting alone, FBI assistant special agent in charge Steven Lanser said. □



## Coast Guard official: Search for teens is 'active and open'

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Associated Press

TEQUESTA, Florida (AP) —

Coast Guard and state officials visited the Florida home of one of two missing teenage boaters Wednesday, and a spokesman told news reporters the search for the boys is still "active and open."

Capt. Mark Fedor of the Coast Guard said the search has not been suspended contradicting earlier reports.

The Coast Guard and Florida Fish and Wildlife officers were at the home of 14-year-old Perry Cohen for almost an hour Wednesday afternoon.

Fedor offered no further comment and didn't take questions. Earlier, a U.S. official in Washington had said the Coast Guard was suspending the search. Crews have been searching for Cohen and Austin Stephanos for six days.



Andrew Grubowski, 10, of Palm City, Fla., releases a lantern during a vigil for Austin Stephanos and Perry Cohen, in Stuart, Fla. The two teenagers have been missing since last Friday when they went out on a boat to go fishing from Tequesta, Fla. A search continues for the boys from the Atlantic waters off Daytona Beach, Fla, north through Savannah, Ga.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

The teen's capsized boat was found Sunday, and the Coast Guard said it was searching the waters from Daytona Beach, Florida, to

South Carolina.

The Coast Guard's relentless hunt for the 14-year-old fishermen had entered its sixth day with questions

growing over how long it could go on. Decision-makers were juggling a mix of "art and science," Chief Petty Officer Ryan Doss

said, trying to balance the knowledge of how long people can survive adrift with the unknowns on whether the boys had flotation devices and drinking water and what their physical condition is.

"We know it can happen," Doss said of finding the boys alive, "and we're hoping it happens again." Five hundred feet above the Atlantic on Tuesday, an eight-person Coast Guard crew aboard a C-130 plane flew in a grid pattern to survey the ocean below. Two men flopped on their bellies on a cargo ramp, scouring the waters, while other crew members searched from the windows or used a joystick to manipulate a camera scanning the seas.

Mostly they saw vast expanses of water - some of it murky, some so clear turtles could be seen swimming 50 feet (15 meters) below the surface. □



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James Holmes, background fifth from left in white shirt, stands along with others as the jury enters the courtroom, during the sentencing phase of the Colorado theater shooting trial in Centennial, Colo., on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. (Colorado JD video via AP, Pool)

## Colorado shooter's mom: Silence was his loudest cry for help

**SADIE GURMAN**  
**Associated Press**  
**CENTENNIAL, Colorado**  
**(AP)** — James Holmes' mother insisted Wednesday that she would "have been crawling on all fours" to reach him had she known he was talking about killing people weeks before he ambushed a crowded Colorado movie theater.

Arlene Holmes said her son's campus psychiatrist never told her that James Holmes had homicidal thoughts when she called that June and revealed that he was quitting therapy and dropping out of school. "We wouldn't be sitting here if she had told me that!" Holmes' mother said, her sobs rising to anger. "I would have been crawling on all fours to get to him. She never said he was thinking of killing people. She didn't tell me. She

didn't tell me. She didn't tell me!"

"He was not a violent person. At least not until the event," Holmes' father, Robert Holmes, said earlier Wednesday. "The event" is a phrase he used several times to refer to his son's attack on the audience inside a darkened Colorado movie theater on July 20, 2012, which killed 12 people, injured 70 others and makes James Holmes eligible for the death penalty.

Arlene Holmes also complained that the University of Colorado psychiatrist, Dr. Lynne Fenton, didn't respond to a message seeking more details about their son. They hadn't known he was getting therapy, and thought perhaps he was depressed, or was suffering from Asperger's syndrome, Robert Holmes said. Fenton testified earlier that

she had called James Holmes' parents, overriding her concerns that she was violating her client's privacy, because she was trying to decide whether he posed a danger to himself or others. A campus security official had offered to detain him for an involuntary hospital mental health commitment, but Fenton declined, in part because she said the parents told her he had always been withdrawn. Holmes had enrolled in a prestigious neuroscience postgraduate program at the university in 2011. But his parents had grown increasingly worried when he came home on his first winter break looking haggard and making odd facial expressions. He shared his fear of failure later that spring, but his parents said they had no idea he was descending into mental illness. □

## Prosecutors charge teen with murder in death of 8-year-old

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**Associated Press**

**SANTA CRUZ, California (AP)** — Prosecutors charged a 15-year-old boy with murder, kidnapping and rape Wednesday in the death of an 8-year-old girl in an artists complex in a California beach town.

Police say Adrian Jerry Gonzalez lured Madyson Middleton into his family's apartment from a courtyard where she had been riding her scooter over the weekend. Once inside, he tied her up, sexually assaulted and killed her, according to a charging document.

Gonzalez remains in custody at the Santa Cruz County juvenile detention center, where he has been held since the girl's body was found in a recycling bin Monday evening.

"Unfortunately, the search for Maddy ended in the worst way possible," Santa Cruz District Attorney Jeffrey Rosell said.

He said Gonzalez will be charged as an adult and added that in his two decades in Santa Cruz, he's never seen a 15-year-old charged with murder.

The charges could send Gonzalez to prison for the rest of his life.

Larry Biggam of the Santa Cruz public defender's office said he expects to be appointed as the teen's lawyer at the arraignment Thursday, but he declined to comment on the case.

Authorities haven't been able to establish a motive in the killing. "People do things for lots of reasons, sometimes we understand it, sometimes we don't," Rosell said. □

## 3 UVa grads suing Rolling Stone over retracted 2014 rape story

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**Associated Press**  
**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)** —

Three University of Virginia graduates and members of a fraternity profiled in a debunked account of a gang rape in a retracted Rolling Stone magazine story filed a lawsuit against the publication and the article's author Wednesday, court records show. The three men, George Elias IV, Stephen Hadford and Ross Fowler, filed suit U.S. District Court in New York. They are also suing Rolling Stone's publisher, Wenner Media. A lawyer for the men said they suffered "vicious and hurtful attacks" because of inaccuracies in the November 2014 article, which was written by journalist Sabrina Rubin Erdely.

In their lawsuit, the three 2013 graduates said the article "created a simple and direct way to match the alleged attackers" from the alleged gang rape to them based on details provided in the story.

For instance, Elias' room at the fraternity house was "the mostly likely scene of the alleged crime" based on the details in the Rolling Stone article. "Upon release of the article, family friends, acquaintances, co-workers and reporters easily matched (Elias) as one of the alleged attackers and, among other things, interrogated him, humiliated him, and scolded him," the lawsuit said, adding that Hadford and Fowler "suffered similar attacks." □



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## Average U.S. vehicle age hits record 11.5 years

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AP Auto Writer

**DETROIT (AP)** — In the age of Apple's CarPlay, a lot of cars on the road still have tape decks.

The average vehicle in the U.S. is now a record 11.5 years old, according to consulting firm IHS Automotive, a sign of the increased reliability of today's vehicles and the lingering impact of the sharp drop in new car sales during the recession.

Drivers behind the wheel of older cars aren't enjoying some of the latest advanced safety features or infotainment systems that effectively turn cars into cellphones on wheels. Then again, they don't have to worry about hackers finding their way in to the car's computer network through the cassette or CD player. IHS said U.S. registrations grew to a record 257.9 million cars and trucks, up 2 percent from a year ear-

lier. The average age of vehicles has been climbing steadily since IHS began tracking the number in 2002. As quality and reliability have improved, people have been holding on to their cars and trucks for longer. The average length of ownership for a new vehicle is now almost 6.5 years, IHS said. For a used vehicle, it's five years. Cars and trucks now have the same average age, says Mark Seng, IHS Automotive's global after-market practice leader. For many years, cars had shorter lifespans than trucks, but their quality has now caught up.

Experts say there's no rule for how long to hold on to an old car or truck. A car with good reliability can go for 200,000 miles or more, which can easily last a decade for some motorists, says Doug Love, a spokesman for Consumer Reports. The magazine doesn't



In this June 24, 2015, file photo, afternoon rush our traffic moves along a highway in Phoenix.

Associated Press

recommend driving older cars without two key safety features introduced more than a decade ago: electronic stability control and

side curtain air bags.

The aging car population could mean that Americans will be slow to adapt safety and semi-

autonomous features that have car company executives and experts heralding a new age of the automobile. □

## Strong US home sales, limited supply lift home prices in May

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. home prices rose steadily in May, pushed higher by a healthy increase in sales this year.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index climbed 4.9 percent in May from 12 months earlier, down slightly from a 5 percent pace in April, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices.

Home sales have jumped in recent months as an improving economy boosts hiring and enables more people to afford a purchase. Yet the higher sales haven't encouraged more people to sell their homes, leaving supplies tight and

driving up prices.

And separate data released by the Census Bureau this week pointed to the limited impact of the three-year old housing recovery: The proportion of Americans owning their own homes has continued to decline and is now at the lowest level since 1967. Still, prices are soaring higher in some cities, according to Case-Shiller: They rose 10 percent from a year ago in Denver, 9.7 percent in San Francisco and 8.4 percent in Dallas. Washington, D.C. posted the smallest increase at 1.3 percent. Prices rose in all 20 cities from a year earlier. The Case-Shiller index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. □

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## Rome's hot summer: corruption, breakdowns run city to ground



Public transport workers raise their hands during a protest at Campidoglio Capitol Hill square in Rome, Wednesday, July 29, 2015. Just when Rome needs to be at its best, the city is being shamed by corruption scandals and a breakdown in public services — especially in the mass transit that many of the pilgrim masses will be using.

(AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)

**FRANCES D'EMILIO**  
**Associated Press**

**ROME (AP)** — Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year for Rome. But the Eternal City will need a miracle to find anything to feel jubilant about. Just when Rome needs to be at its best, the city is being shamed by corruption scandals and a breakdown in public services — especially in the mass transit

that many of the expected 30 million Jubilee pilgrims will depend on. Amid a relentless heat wave, bus drivers have been yanking buses out of service, forcing passengers off, often between stops. Others deliberately drive their spine-rattling buses so slowly that it's faster to walk. The actions are part of a protest against Rome May-

or Ignazio Marino's order for bus drivers to punch in the clock like other city employees. The transport breakdown is one of the biggest headaches in a summer of chaos extraordinary even for a city that sees chaos as a way of life. Meanwhile, Marino has taken the drastic step of getting help from a prosecutor famed for combatting Sicilian mobsters to

help root out City Hall corruption. The Mafia-fighter was enlisted following dozens of arrests since late last year of city politicians and businessmen with links to the political right and left. The scandal's best-known suspect is none other than Marino's predecessor as mayor: former neo-fascist street fighter Gianni Alemanno, who denies wrongdoing. He is being investigated for allegedly colluding with businessmen using mafia-like methods to win municipal contracts. Alemanno's tenure allegedly involved rampant nepotistic hiring, including a go-go dancer as a manager's assistant. Corruption and cronyism have direct links to Rome's current transport woes: Patronage scandals are blamed for helping to bankrupt the municipal transit company ATAC, which might be forced to stop service due to lack of funds. Free-wheeling hiring of friends and other improper practices have also put other municipal agencies like trash pickup in terrible financial condition.

Under Alemanno, bonuses were generously doled out to city workers to reward them for diligently showing up for work at least 110 days a year.

Marino, a liver transplant surgeon who became a politician a decade ago, says he is determined to keep Rome from collapsing in dysfunction. The problem is he's desperately trying to save the patient while seeing his own operating team disappear. Several commissioners have quit in despair. On Tuesday, replacing his second budget czar, Marino drily recalled the shock that greeted him shortly after being elected in 2013: "I never imagined I'd find the coffers empty," he said. "Nearly a billion (euros) in the red, organized crime, corruption." "About all that was lacking along the way were land mines," the mayor told reporters. Marino fired his transport commissioner after a video surfaced on the Internet showing a crammed subway car filled with commuters hurtling through the underground with doors wide open.

"The trains are old, they aren't maintained, they are dirty. It seems like there isn't even anyone who cleans them," said Claudio Laudi, waiting at a stop near the Piazza del Popolo. "I just don't think you can compare (Rome) to other European capitals. Madrid is different. Paris is different, we have been left behind."

Premier Matteo Renzi, whose Democratic Party backed Marino for mayor, is keeping a cautious distance. At a recent political event, Renzi told Marino critics: "Take an opinion survey of Romans and let me know how it turns out." □

## Greece's Tsipras: rebels could force early election

**NICHOLAS PAPHITIS**  
**Associated Press**

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — Greece's prime minister sought to contain a deepening rift in his radical left Syriza party Wednesday, warning rebels that he would have to call early elections if they keep opposing key reforms demanded for a new international bailout. Alexis Tsipras insisted that he has no wish to go to the polls, which would put the country through more political uncertainty, potentially hurting the economy at a crucial point in its struggle

to stabilize. But he added: "If I don't have the parliamentary majority I will be forced to go to elections." In an interview with Syriza's Sto Kokkino radio station, Tsipras said that he wants to hold a party congress in September, once the vital bailout deal is sealed, to decide on the party's future. Tsipras and his Syriza party came to power only in January with a four-year mandate.

Representatives of Greece's creditors — its European Union partners and the International Monetary

Fund — are currently meeting officials in Athens to discuss the terms of the new bailout, designed to provide 85 billion euros over three years.

"We are satisfied with the smooth and constructive cooperation with the Greek authorities, and that should now allow us to progress as swiftly as possible," Mina Andreeva, a European Commission spokeswoman, said in Brussels.

The main issues under negotiation are pension and labor reforms. Greece is hoping to have a deal

ready for parliamentary approval on Aug. 18, two days before it has to repay more than 3 billion euros, which it currently lacks, to the European Central Bank. Failure to pay the ECB would prompt bankruptcy and new fears of a forced euro currency exit. Tsipras was elected on a staunchly anti-austerity platform that resonated with Greeks hard-hit by five years of tough income cuts and tax hikes demanded by international creditors in return for the rescue loans that kept the country afloat. □



# Yemen's president orders militias merged into his forces



A Shiite fighter known as a Houthi, wearing army uniform, stands guard on a wall during a rally against Saudi-led air-strikes in Sanaa, Yemen. (AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

**AHMED AL-HAJ**  
Associated Press

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — From his exile in Saudi Arabia, Yemen's president on Wednesday ordered that militias battling Shiite rebels in Yemen be merged with his national army units, a move that comes in an apparent attempt to unify forces fighting on the ground.

It was not immediately clear how the order would translate on the front-lines in Yemen, where fierce, months-long fighting has pitted Iran-backed Shiite rebels known as Houthis and troops loyal to the country's former president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, against southern separatists, local and tribal militias, Sunni Islamic militants and loyalists of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

Also, a Saudi-led coalition has been waging an air campaign since March against the Houthis, who control the capital, Sanaa, parts of northern Yemen and who are pushing to expand their power grab to the south of this impoverished Arabian Peninsula country.

According to Hadi's adviser, Maj. Gen. Jafaar Mohammed Saad, authorities are "working on implementing the decision in the fastest time possible" to integrate the militias, known as "Popular Resistance" units — a vague term used for a wide specter of groups opposed to the Houthis.

However, security and military officials said they fear the order could provide a

path for extremists such as al-Qaida to infiltrate military ranks.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to journalists. Some also questioned Hadi's motives for the order.

"The decision is an attempt by Hadi to win the favor of the Yemeni street, especially in the south," said Yemen-based political analyst Ahmed Dobhi.

Yemen's national army is fractured. Many powerful military units loyal to the former president, Saleh,

are fighting alongside the Houthis.

In the southern port city of Aden, militia members are also being recruited by local police stations that are short of manpower, security officials said, also speaking on condition of anonymity under regulations.

Anti-Houthi fighters in Aden said last week that they seized full control of the city, after pushing the rebels from their last holdout.

Also Wednesday, a car bomb exploded in Sanaa, next to a mosque belonging to the minority al-Bohra community, a Shiite sect. □



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## Israeli bulldozers start demolishing a contested West Bank settlement

**DANIEL ESTRIN**  
**Associated Press**

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israeli bulldozers began demolishing a contested housing complex in a West Bank settlement on Wednesday as the prime minister's office announced the "immediate construction" of some 300 new units at another location in the same settlement and advanced plans for about 500 new units in east Jerusalem. The move, which is likely to draw international rebuke, comes amid a standoff in the Beit El settlement, to the north of Jerusalem in the West Bank. The standoff escalated sharply Wednesday, after

the Israeli Supreme Court rejected a petition to overturn its initial ruling to demolish a complex in Beit El and ordered the destruction completed no later than Thursday. The complex was deemed illegal because it was under construction without prior Israeli authorization. The military moved in and removed protesters holed up inside, but hundreds of Jewish settlers gathered at the scene and some fought with Israeli forces, who responded by firing water cannons at the protesters. Tempers are high among some in the settler community as it marks a decade

since Israel's "disengagement" from the Gaza Strip, when Israel in the summer of 2005 withdrew all its civilians and soldiers from all of the settlements there and also from two in the West Bank. Israel initially promised to build the 300 housing units in Beit El three years ago, when it ordered the removal of other buildings constructed on private Palestinian land. The new units announced by Benjamin Netanyahu's office are both in Beit El and elsewhere, including areas in east Jerusalem, which Israeli leaders say are inseparable neighborhoods of Jerusalem. □



Israeli settlers watch the demolition of a building at the Jewish settlement of Beit El, near the West Bank town of Ramallah, Wednesday, July 29, 2015. Israeli bulldozers began demolishing a contested housing complex in a West Bank settlement on Wednesday as the prime minister's office announced the "immediate construction" of some 300 new units at another location in the same settlement and advanced plans for about 500 new units in east Jerusalem.

(AP Photo/Tsafrir Abayov)

## France deploys riot police to bolster Calais security

**Associated Press**

**CALAIS, France (AP)** — The young Afghan has tried every single day for three months to get into the railway tunnel in Calais leading to England and what he hopes will be a better life. For him, like the dozens who appeared as darkness fell, Wednesday would be the same even if their numbers were immeasurably larger than even a week ago. Undeterred by an influx of French riot police, a surveillance helicopter, or a ninth death this summer among the tens of thousands who attempt to cross the Channel, the migrants came in groups of a dozen or more. Men and women, some hiding their faces beneath bandannas, walked single file to sneak over a bent fence along the train tracks leading to the tunnel and ultimately to England. One migrant was crushed to death and another was critically injured after being electrocuted in Paris on Wednesday alone. "Every day there's a risk of life. People are losing their life. Accept them or reject them," said 31-year-old Nazirullah, who gave no surname. He said he arrived in Calais three months ago, speaking good English and claiming he had worked at the French Embassy back in Afghanistan. Migrants pressing northward toward both countries are fleeing war, dictatorship and poverty in Africa and the Middle East. They tend to spend as little time as possible in their southern European landing spots, like Italy, where

two ships unloaded on Wednesday, one carrying 435 passengers and 14 bodies and another with 692 migrants. Many hit a dead end on the French side of the 50-kilometer (30-mile) Channel Tunnel, often referred to as the Chunnel, which is used by passenger trains and freight services to connect France and Britain. British officials have increasingly sounded the alarm over a potential influx of foreigners. French officials, meanwhile, are concerned about the roughly 3,000 migrants in encampments called "the jungle" by the inhabitants of the largely lawless sites scattered haphazardly in the area. It's not clear how many ever reach Britain, although at least a few succeeded this week in stowing aboard trains to make the 35-minute trip. Others were led away in the darkness, including a small group retrieved from a ditch by a single watchman wielding little more than a flashlight. France dispatched 120 riot police immediately to Calais to bolster security that British authorities complain has been lax. France's government, meanwhile, called on Eurotunnel, the company that operates the tunnel, to step up its protection of the sensitive site. By Wednesday night, a police helicopter hovered overhead and gendarmes in flak jackets turned back about two dozen.

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## AP: Pakistani militant leader killed in police convoy attack

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Associated Press

**MUZAFFARGARH, Pakistan (AP)** — One of Pakistan's most-feared Islamic militant leaders, believed to be behind the killing of scores of minority Shiites, was gunned down along with 13 other militants during an assault on a police convoy that was transporting him from prison on Wednesday.

Malik Ishaq, who directed the operations of the Taliban- and al-Qaida-linked Lashkar-e-Jhangvi group, was so feared in Pakistan that frightened judges hid their faces from him and even offered him tea and cookies in court.

Ishaq, believed to be either 55 or 56, operated freely for years in Pakistan as the country's intelligence services helped nurture Islamic militant groups in the 1980s and 1990s to maintain influence in Afghanistan and counter archrival India.

Ishaq had been detained by police two days earlier on suspicion of being involved in the slaying of two Shiites, police officer Bakhtiar Ahmed said.

Early Wednesday, as officers tried to transfer Ishaq from a prison in the eastern city of Multan, gunmen ambushed the convoy in an attempt to free him, Ahmed said. The ensuing gunbattle killed Ishaq and at least 13 of his associates, including two of his sons and his deputy, Ghulam Rasool, Ahmed said.

In a later statement, police said "14 or 15 unidentified armed terrorists" attacked police vehicles to free Ishaq when officers were returning from an area in nearby Muzaffargarh after seizing weapons, explosives and detonators on information provided by Ishaq and his associates. It said Ishaq and five other detained militants were killed during the shootout by those who ambushed the convoy. They said eight of the attackers were killed in the gunbattle.

No other witnesses to the shooting could be immediately located. Ishaq's family members could not immediately be reached for comment. Pakistani police have been accused of extrajudicial slayings in the past, including through staged ambushes.

Shuja Khanzada, the provincial home minister in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province, where the fighting took place, said the shooting wounded six police officers who "demonstrated extreme bravery."

"Malik Ishaq was behind many acts of terrorism and he was freed by courts in the past due to lack of evidence," Khanzada told The Associated Press, calling him a "symbol of terror."

He said "many terrorists involved in heinous crimes often go unpunished because prosecutors don't have enough evidence against them. Malik Ishaq was one of such examples."

Imtiaz Gul, head of the Islamabad-based Center for Research and Security Studies, said the killing of Ishaq was a "very strong message to all those militants who were still pursuing the strategy of violence." □



Zafar Hashemi, a deputy spokesman for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, speaks during a press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday, July 29, 2015. An Afghan official said Wednesday his government is examining claims that reclusive Taliban leader Mullah Omar is dead. (AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

## Afghanistan says Taliban leader Mullah Omar died 2 years ago

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Associated Press

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** — Afghanistan asserted Wednesday that the Taliban's reclusive leader, Mullah Mohammad Omar, died more than two years ago in a Pakistani hospital — an announcement that injects new uncertainty into the country's fragile peace process.

If confirmed, the surprising news of the death of Mullah Omar would remove a unifying figure for the insurgents, who are believed to be split on whether to continue the war or negotiate with the government of President Ashraf Ghani.

In Washington, the U.S. government said they considered the report of the Taliban leader's death credible, though it was not confirmed by the Taliban or Pakistan.

The Afghan government's announcement came just two days before a sec-

ond round of peace talks between the government and negotiators claiming to speak for the Taliban leadership. It also raises questions about the authority of Taliban representatives who attended a first round of talks in Pakistan on July 7, as well as earlier informal meetings in Qatar and Norway. Abdul Hassib Sediqi, the spokesman for Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security, said Mullah Omar died at a hospital in the Pakistani city of Karachi in April 2013.

"We confirm officially that he is dead," Sediqi told The Associated Press.

"He was very sick in a Karachi hospital and died suspiciously there," he said, without elaborating.

A statement later Wednesday from the office of the president said it had confirmed the death based on what it called "accurate information" and insisted that Mullah Omar's demise

would benefit peace efforts. "The Afghan government believes that the ground for the Afghan peace talks is more solid now than before and thus calls on all armed opposition groups to seize the opportunity to join the peace process," the statement said.

The one-eyed, secretive head of the Taliban sheltered Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida in the years leading up to the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, and then waged a decade-long insurgency against U.S. troops after the 2001 invasion that ended Taliban rule. He fled into Pakistan on a motorcycle and was never seen again.

Mullah Omar was born in the southern Uruzgan province in the early 1960s and became a mullah, or preacher, in Kandahar, the southern city that would later become the capital of the Taliban movement he went on to lead. □



# Orphanage founder returns to Haiti after US jury ruling

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**DAVID McFADDEN**  
**Associated Press**  
**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— A U.S. citizen who founded a Haiti orphanage for boys returned to the Caribbean country Wednesday after a U.S. jury ordered an activist to pay \$14.5 million in damages for falsely accusing him of sexually abusing children in his care.

A lawyer for Michael Geilenfeld said the orphanage founder feels "very

happy and vindicated" by last week's jury verdict in Maine and is looking forward to resuming his work in the impoverished nation. Attorney Peter DeTroy said he instructed Geilenfeld and other leaders of the orphanage in Haiti's capital to make no public statements until after any appeals have been resolved.

"When the dust finally clears, I suspect my clients may be more comfortable speaking," he said

in an email. Geilenfeld, a 63-year-old Iowa native and former Roman Catholic brother, founded the St. Joseph Home for Boys in the 1980s. He and Hearts With Haiti, a North Carolina charity that raises money for the home, filed a defamation suit against Maine activist Paul Kendrick, who led an email and blog campaign publicizing past allegations of sexual abuse that they said were false. The U.S. jury returned the

verdict last week. David Walker, Kendrick's lawyer, said no decision has been made on whether there will be an appeal of the defamation verdict in Maine.

There is a possibility that Geilenfeld will face a new criminal trial in Haiti. He was held for 237 days in a Haitian lockup before a judge freed him earlier this year after a brief trial.

Haitian Justice Minister Pierre-Richard Casimir has

criticized the judge's decision, and told The Associated Press on Wednesday that an appeal filed by lawyers for Geilenfeld's accusers was "following its normal route in the justice system." He said the country's supreme court will decide whether to grant a new criminal trial.

Manuel Jeanty, a lawyer for the five accusers, now adults, said he expects the court to make a decision in the next three months. □

# Uber cars bashed in Mexico, cabbies protest rideshare apps

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — A raucous crowd attacked Uber drivers and their vehicles with clubs and stones outside the Mexico City airport, the company said Wednesday, as licensed taxi drivers demonstrated to demand a "total halt" to app-based rideshare services in the capital.

Video of the incident showed people throwing eggs and flour inside the windows of vehicles, kicking doors and trying to rip off side mirrors. One man destroyed a sedan's rear window with a large rock.

"What happened is a very grave attack on everyone's freedom and right to make a living in a dignified manner," Uber said in a statement. "Incidents like this are completely unacceptable, and we trust that authorities will act so



**Street taxi drivers protest against the smartphone-based ride service Uber, in Mexico City, Wednesday, July 29, 2015. The Mexican taxi drivers' union called for a protest against unlicensed and Uber taxis working in the city. However Uber is increasingly popular among middle- and upper-class Mexicans, as they turn to what is seen as a safer, more reliable, more pleasant and cost-competitive alternative to street cabs.**

(AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

that justice is done."

The assault and the taxi drivers' demonstration outside the Colombian Em-

bassy to proclaim solidarity with cabbies in that country and around the world are a clear signal that re-

cently issued regulations designed to create a legal framework for Uber and the smaller Cabify have

not put an end to Mexico City's simmering taxi dispute.

Uber spokeswoman Rocio Paniagua told Televisa news that between 10 and 12 cars were damaged in the attack Tuesday. Some drivers were struck, but there were no reports of serious injuries.

She said taxi cabs were used to block off the street, but those who took part were not carrying anything to identify who they were.

At Wednesday's protest, leaders of the Organized Taxi Drivers of Mexico City union denied any involvement in the "regrettable" incident. They promised to pursue only legal avenues, and said the attack was carried out by people fed up with Uber drivers parking in their neighborhood for airport pickups. □

# TV depiction of Colombia's only saint angers her devotees

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**Associated Press**  
**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)**

— For weeks, billboards on buses and television spots have been announcing what promises to be Colombia's next big prime-time sensation.

But the planned debut Wednesday of a TV soap opera dramatizing the life of Colombia's only Roman Catholic saint is shrouded in controversy after devotees of the missionary nun known universally as Madre Laura filed a lawsuit seeking to correct what they say is an unseemly depiction.

Born in Colombia's coffee-growing region in 1874, Laura Montoya was a nun and teacher who devoted her life to protecting indigenous tribes from discrimination when not outright violence by the country's white elite. Her work on their behalf was emulated in poor, mostly black and indigenous communities across Colombia and today hundreds of missionaries from her order are in 21 countries, from Angola to Haiti. Montoya was canonized in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI and her sainthood confirmed by Pope Francis

a year later in a ceremony that saw Colombia, one of Latin America's most fervently Catholic nations, rejoice with pride.

Bogota-based Caracol, which is producing the 24-episode mega-production "Laura, the Colombian Saint," is known as one of the most-thriving telenovela factories in Latin America. But most of the network's productions, with names like "Without Breasts There's No Paradise" and "Cartel of the Snitches," tend to follow more sinful story lines that are popular with audiences but often

criticized as inappropriate. Given the anything-goes reputation of Colombia's airwaves, often in conflict with the country's deep faith, some sort of combustion over the series' premiere was probably unavoidable.

The Congregation of Missionaries of Mary Immaculate and St. Catherine of Sienna, the order founded by Montoya, says that despite repeated requests it was never consulted by Caracol about the script. The group questions the network's right to use Montoya's name and image,

whose copyright it claims. The order also has denounced the telenovela over fears that it will depict romantic relationships it says never existed and over tasteless dialogue by men criticizing Montoya's physical appearance.

"We're all disgusted by the bad image they're giving our saint," Mother Maria del Carmen, a devotee who lives in congregation's headquarters in western Antioquia province, told The Associated Press. She stressed that she was speaking for herself and not the organization. □





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## At Paseo Herencia:

# "Wall of Fame" Updated with Tang Soo Do Grandmasters!

**PALM BEACH** - This past weekend, The Gihae Tang Soo Do Society conducted the Aruba Tang Soo Do National Championships. They were very pleased to welcome an international coterie of Tang Soo Do Masters and Grandmasters, among them, Regional Director Master Wilfredo Burgos and Grandmaster Bill Strong with his wife, Master Rachel Strong. From Costa Rica Master Pedro Biamonte attended, and from Puerto Rico, Master Pedro Perez. The exciting weekend of martial arts action ended with a tribute to the 2014 World Tang Soo Do Black Belt Grand Champion, Aruban Gilberto Boerleider, who successfully defended his 2012-2013 title last year. Tang Soo Do is a Korean martial art incorporating fighting principles from subak as described in the Kwon Bup Chong Do. The techniques of what is commonly known as Tang Soo Do combine elements of shotokan karate, subak, taekkyon, and kung fu. Tang Soo Do is for maintaining peace, not for fighting. It incorporates meditation, is used principally for self-defense and worldwide, has over 165,000 devotees to the discipline.

Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall in Palm Beach had already placed Gilberto's picture on their "Wall of Fame," which is dedicated to island athletes who have proven their tenacity and talent in the international arena. His image stands with many other young Aruban athletic medalists. However, on Monday evening, July 27, they were very pleased to unveil his new plaque, updated from reading "Male Tang Soo Do World Champion Black Belt Division, 2012-2013" to "2014-2015." The World Championships are conducted bi-annually. The Gihae Tang Soo Do Society was center stage in the Plaza Padu with an impressive demonstration of the art in all age divi-



sions and qualifications from green to black belt. Among them were the children of Master Wilfredo Burgos, son Fredy and his daughter, Yelimar, who just won her regional division championship title.

Also performing to the fascination of the audience was the 2010 Male World Champion Black Belt, Jovel Zuniga Hernandez, who performed Tang Soo Do forms with sword and knife. He acted as a judge during the Aruba National Championships. Since opening over six

years ago, Paseo Herencia has exercised a policy of providing information to visitors about Aruba's history, culture and the achievements of outstanding members of the community. The many activities include honoring our youth and encouraging them to strive for excellence in sports, education and the arts. Their events involve both the resident community and vacationers

in understanding and appreciating those who set excellent role models for island youth; an outstanding example being Gilberto Boerleider. □





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New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft addresses a room full of reporters to make a statement condemning NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's action upholding New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's four game "Deflategate" suspension during an NFL football training camp media availability at the team's facility Wednesday, July 29, 2015, in Foxborough, Mass.

Associated Press

## Tom Brady fights on, files lawsuit to stop suspension

JIMMY GOLEN

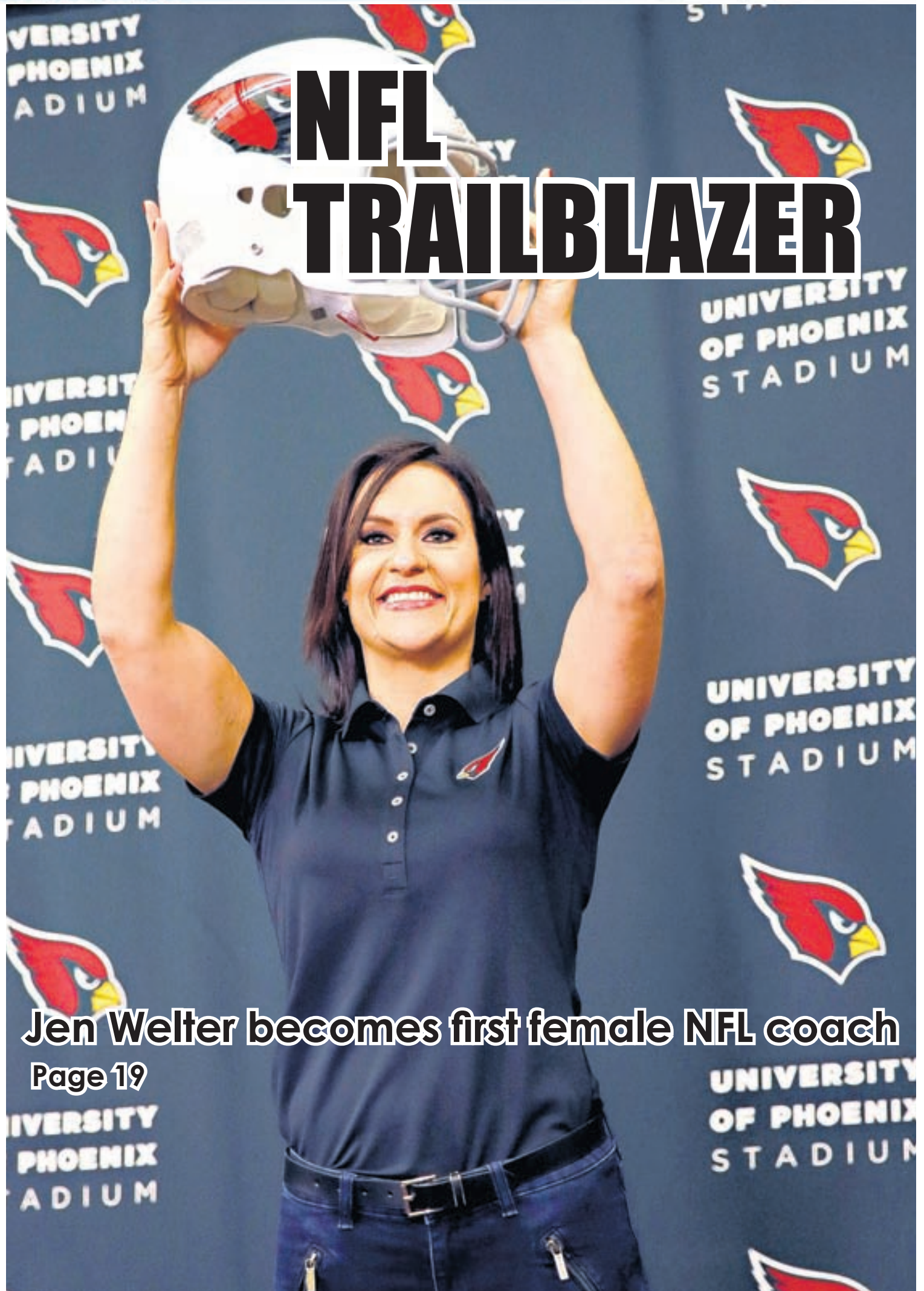
AP Sports Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)

— Tom Brady took the fight over his "Deflategate" suspension to social media and federal court on Wednesday, and New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft backed the three-time Super Bowl MVP, saying "I was wrong to put my faith in the league."

One day after NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell rejected Brady's appeal, the star quarterback posted a 507-word statement on Facebook with his firmest denial yet, writing: "I did nothing wrong." Kraft followed with an unscheduled address to the media gathered at Gillette Stadium for the opening of training camp and the team's defense of its fourth Super Bowl championship.

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# NFL TRAILBLAZER

## Jen Welter becomes first female NFL coach

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Arizona Cardinals training camp coach Dr. Jen Welter poses for photographers after being introduced, Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at the teams' training facility in Tempe, Ariz.



# Donald Trump to fly in for Women's British Open

**STEVE DOUGLAS**

**AP Sports Writer**

**TURNBERRY, Scotland (AP)**

— Lizette Salas should be midway through her first round at the Women's British Open on Thursday morning when Donald Trump arrives via helicopter to expected fanfare at his Turnberry resort.

Salas, a U.S. golfer with Mexican heritage, likely won't pay much attention. Not because she holds a grudge at Trump's derogatory remarks about Mexicans that have dominated the pre-tournament chatter at the fourth major of the year. Quite simply, Salas will have more important things on her mind.

"He can say what he wants," the 26-year-old Salas said Wednesday. "It does not change the way I feel about myself, about my heritage. I'm very proud of my parents and where my grandparents are from."

"Regardless of what he said, that's my goal — to hold up that trophy."

There are a number of compelling story lines at the Women's British Open in western Scotland this week: Inbee Park resuming her quest for the career Grand Slam; 18-year-old prodigy Lydia Ko seeking that elusive first major; Michelle Wie going for victory with an injured left foot.

Yet, they are all being overshadowed, for now at least, by the scheduled presence of Trump and the staging of the event at a course he owns.

Trump is rarely out of the headlines lately because

of comments he is making during his U.S. presidential campaign. In one particular remark, the Republican contender said some Mexican immigrants bring drugs and crime to the U.S., and some are rapists. He brought golf into the issue by saying

our strong commitment to an inclusive and welcoming environment." Players mostly have kept their thoughts about Trump to themselves. Significant fallout has been limited to the PGA of America moving October's Grand Slam of Golf from Trump's golf

we have this week," Wie said. "There's a lot of things that happen beyond our control, beyond what I can do or you can do."

Salas is shrugging off Trump's comments, despite saying that "a lot of people listen to him and hear his words because

ing the career slam, and taking her overall haul of majors to seven. The Evian Championship became the fifth major in women's golf in 2013 and Park has won that tournament, in 2012.

"The true Grand Slam would be winning the British Open," Park said. "That's really my main goal."

Park has won three tournaments on the LPGA Tour this year — most recently the Women's PGA Championship in June — to reclaim the No. 1 ranking from the 18-year-old Ko. But the South Korean arrives in Scotland with lower back pain after her trans-Atlantic flight and a 5-over 76 in her last competitive round, at the Meijer LPGA Classic in Michigan on Sunday. "It's the time of year where I'm not really hitting it great ... but I'm just trying to play through it," said Park, who is playing Turnberry for the first time. "I come into this week with no expectations."

Ko, a South Korea-born New Zealander who is the world No. 2, played the Ladies Scottish Open last week to get accustomed to links and the wind and rain that are set to be a feature at Turnberry.

It will be the 16th major for Ko. She has missed a cut only once, but never won. Wie already has one major in her collection, the U.S. Women's Open last year, and her chances of a second are being hindered by a bone spur in her left foot that is forcing her to wear a protective boot when she's not on the course. □



**Lizette Salas drives on the 16th hole during the first round of the Meijer LPGA Classic golf tournament at Blythefield Country Club, Thursday, July 23, 2015, in Belmont, Mich.**

**Associated Press**

the sport's governing bodies support his opinions because "they know I'm right."

Suddenly, golf was stuck in a difficult position, in the face of a figure who has poured so much money into the sport and has 18 courses in his portfolio, including Turnberry since last year.

The PGA Tour, LPGA Tour, U.S. Golf Association and PGA of America said Trump's comments were "inconsistent with

course in Los Angeles.

The Women's British Open keeps golf's links with Trump in the spotlight, though. And he will detour from his election campaigning in the United States to attend the first round before returning Friday.

"I'll go for two days & back on trail," Trump tweeted Monday.

Trump will bring a circus some players would prefer not to see.

"It really distracts us from the great tournament that

he's a big name."

Her father, Ramon, immigrated to the United States from Mexico. He was responsible for getting his daughter into golf at age 7 and he will be cheering her on at Turnberry this week.

"He's just my big support system," the 29th-ranked Salas said. "Without him, I wouldn't be here."

The top-ranked Park is looking to add the British Open to the three American-based majors she has already won, thus complet-

## Despite impressive Tour, African cycling team loses sponsor

**GERALD IMRAY**

**AP Sports Writer**

**CAPE TOWN, South Africa**

**(AP)** — The title sponsor of the African cycling team that made an impressive debut at the Tour de France said Wednesday it was ending its agreement, citing the "normal business practice" of reviewing commercial agreements. Despite praising the team's "outstanding per-

formance," cellphone network MTN said its partnership with South Africa-based MTN-Qhubeka had "reached its conclusion" and it wouldn't be renewing.

The team "put on a fantastic display of power and athleticism at the Tour de France and we are very proud of their achievements," MTN group corporate affairs executive Chris

Maroleng said in a statement. "Our partnership with the team has come full circle and we wish the team the absolute best in the future as we pass on the baton to the next sponsor."

The announcement was a surprise after MTN-Qhubeka achieved a series of firsts at this month's Tour, becoming the first African team in the Tour's modern era and allowing two Eritreans rid-

ers to become the first from their country to ride at cycling's top race.

The team also had meaningful results: One of the Eritreans, Daniel Teklehaimanot, became the first African to wear the polka dot jersey as leader of the mountains classification, and Stephen Cummings won a stage for the team, another piece of history for an African outfit.

MTN-Qhubeka finished fifth overall in the team classification after earning an invite to the Tour from organizers. Belgian Serge Pauwels was 10th overall in the mountains classification for MTN-Qhubeka and Merhawi Kudus, the other Eritrean on the team and the youngest rider at the Tour at 21, was 10th in the final standings for young riders. □



## 'Dr. Jen' embraces breakthrough role with Arizona Cardinals

BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

**TEMPE, Arizona (AP)** — Jen Welter accepts the title of trailblazer, embraces the chance to be a role model for girls and, perhaps most of all, can't wait to get beyond the hype and on to work when the Arizona Cardinals open training camp this weekend.

It's only a six-week internship coaching inside linebackers for the Cardinals, through training camp and the four preseason games. Nonetheless, it marks another barrier broken for women in sports.

Welter said she never dared entertain the thought of coaching in the NFL.

"I didn't even dream that it was possible," she said at news conference at Cardinals headquarters on Tuesday. "The beauty of this is that, though it's a dream I never could have had, now it's a dream other girls can grow up and have. So I guess if that makes me a trailblazer, then ..."

"... she's a trailblazer," Car-

dinals coach Bruce Arians said to finish her sentence. Team president Michael Bidwill said the move has the enthusiastic support of the organization, which has long been known for hiring minorities for management positions. Bidwill said he spoke on Monday with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, who congratulated the Cardinals on the move.

Known as Dr. Jen back in Texas, Welter has a PhD in psychology as well as a season as a player on a men's team, the Texas Revolution of the Indoor Football League.

There are a lot of people who are better than her at the X's and O's of American football, she said, "but the heart factor, the intelligent player factor, the being-the-person-with-the-motor-who-won't-quit factor, those are things I know I can add to."

Welter is the latest woman to enter what had been a men-only position. In April, the NFL announced that Sarah Thomas would be



Arizona Cardinals training camp coach Dr. Jen Welter speaks, Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at the teams' training facility in Tempe, Ariz. Associated Press

the league's first full-time female official. The NBA long has had a female official, and Becky Hammon is an assistant with the San Antonio Spurs and recently was head coach of the Spurs team that won the Las Vegas Summer League championship.

Welter's hiring stemmed from comments Arians made at the NFL owners meetings in Phoenix in March.

He was asked about

the possibility of women coaching in the league.

"The minute they can prove they can make a player better, they'll be hired," Arians said.

A short time later, the coach of the Texas Revolution got in touch with Arians and said he knew someone who might fit that bill.

Arians called Welter and offered her one of the team's six internships, then he got the backing of gen-

eral manager Steve Keim and Bidwill.

"He had to get all the right yeses but it was his heart that made it happen," Welter said, "and it was his belief that the Arizona Cardinals are the team that could handle this happening, and that he has coaches on his staff that would embrace it and not cast me off to the side. You can't blaze a trail alone. Otherwise you're going to get stuck in the woods." □

## Russia's Ishchenko wins solo synchro gold at worlds

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AP Sports Writer

**KAZAN, Russia (AP)** — Russia's Natalya Ishchenko won a record 18th career synchronized swimming gold medal at the world championships on Wednesday in the solo free routine.

Ishchenko's program scored 97.2333 points to beat China's Huang Xuechen by 1.5333 points. The bronze went to Ona Carbonell of Spain on 94.9 points.

Ishchenko's win moves her one ahead of her longtime duet partner Svetlana Romashina, who has 17 world championship gold medals.

"I actually try not to count how many medals I have," Ishchenko said. "Each final is a big responsibility and I approach them with real seriousness and today I

was really worried."

A potential 19th career world gold awaits Ishchenko on Thursday when she and Romashina compete in the duet free routine.

Ishchenko took a break after the 2012 Olympics to raise a family and the world championships were her first major competition since her comeback.

"I knew everyone was going to be looking at me, that there'd be focused attention on how I do after two years away," said Ishchenko, who is aiming to add to her three Olympic gold medals at next year's games in Rio de Janeiro.

Russia has won four of the five synchronized swimming gold medals so far at the world championships in Kazan, with the host nation's only defeat coming in the mixed duet techni-

cal routine, won by Christina Jones and Bill May of the United States.

At the Aquatics Palace, Tom Daley and Rebecca Gallantree of Britain won the team diving title in the event's debut at worlds.

The duo totaled 434.65 points during the three-round competition.

Ukraine's Oleksandr Gorshkovozov and Iuliia Prokopcuk of Ukraine earned silver with 426.45. Each of them hit their best dives from 10 meters in the final round to gain the podium. Xie Siyi and Chen Ruolin of China took bronze at 425.40.

Daley, the Olympic bronze medalist on 10-meter, used consecutive dives off the tower to propel his team to victory. He received perfect 10s for his second dive and followed up with 9.0s on his third.



Russia's gold medalist Natalia Ishchenko performs during the synchronised swimming free solo final at the Swimming World Championships in Kazan, Russia, Wednesday, July 29, 2015. Associated Press

The U.S. duo of David Boudia, the Olympic 10-meter champion, and Jessica Parratto led by 38.2 points after the first round, but finished seventh. Boudia earned 9.0s for his opening dive on the tower, but he created a

big splash on entry with his third dive that earned 6.5s. Each man and woman did three dives, and each had to do at least one dive from both the 3-meter and 10-meter boards. Each diver's scores were combined for their total. □



## NL Capsules

# Syndergaard dominates, Mets hit 2 homers to beat Padres 4-0

**The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Noah Syndergaard retired his first 18 batters in the rookie's latest overpowering performance, and the New York Mets got two-run homers from Lucas Duda and Curtis Granderson to beat the San Diego Padres 4-0 Tuesday night.

Firing his fastball up to 98 mph, Syndergaard (5-5) struck out nine, walked none and allowed only three singles in eight innings. The big right-hander outpitched James Shields and avenged a 7-2 loss at San Diego on June 2.

Making his 14th major league start, Syndergaard lost his bid for a perfect game when Will Venable lined a clean single up the middle on the first pitch of the seventh, prompting a warm ovation from the Citi Field crowd of 26,034.

Yangervis Solarte followed with an infield single and Venable went to third on an error by shortstop Ruben Tejada, who made a sliding stop but a wild flip that rolled away from second baseman Daniel Murphy. That's when Syndergaard buckled down to preserve a 2-0 lead. He retired No. 3 hitter Matt Kemp on a pop-up and got cleanup man Justin Upton to ground into an inning-ending double play.

**MARLINS 4, NATIONALS 1**  
**MIAMI (AP)** — Jose Fernandez stayed unbeaten in his home career and Dee Gordon's standup triple led to him scoring the go-ahead run in his return to the lineup and Miami topped Washington.

Martin Prado had three hits while Gordon and Christian Yelich had two each for Miami. Fernandez (4-0) allowed four hits and one run in six innings, improving his record at Marlins Park to 15-0.

Jordan Zimmermann (8-6) gave up eight hits and three runs in six innings. The Nationals lost for the first time in his last seven starts, and saw their lead in the NL East over the New York Mets



**New York Mets starting pitcher Noah Syndergaard (34) follows through in the sixth inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres in New York, Tuesday, July 28, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

trimmed to one game.

Bryce Harper reached base for the 24th straight game and 43rd straight on the road for the Nationals, who got Jayson Werth and Ryan Zimmerman back in the lineup after long stints on the disabled list.

**REDS 4, CARDINALS 0**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Joey Votto hit a three-run home run in support of Mike Leake, and Cincinnati beat St. Louis.

Votto is the hottest hitter in the majors since the All-Star break, batting .561. He also walked, singled and doubled, giving him an NL-leading 37 multihit games. Leake (9-5) allowed four hits in eight innings to win his fourth straight start. He allowed just two earned runs in his last 30 innings for a 0.60 ERA. Jaime Garcia (3-4), activated from the 15-day disabled list earlier in the day, made his first start since June 2 and gave up three runs and four hits in six innings. He is 10-3 against the Reds, including 7-1 at home.

**BREWERS 5, GIANTS 2**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Wily Peralta returned from the disabled list and shut down one of baseball's

hottest teams in his first start in more than two months, pitching Milwaukee past San Francisco to snap the Brewers' three-game losing streak.

Peralta (2-5) retired the initial six batters on the way to winning for the first time since May 6, and he outpitched Matt Cain (2-2) as the Brewers also ended a seven-game skid to San Francisco — matching the longest in the series.

Milwaukee got plenty of contributions from throughout the order on a night slugger Ryan Braun missed his second straight game because of back spasms that came on during pregame warmups Monday and forced a late lineup scratch.

**ROCKIES 7, CUBS 2**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — D.J. LeMahieu had three hits and scored twice to help Colorado get a win in its first game after trading Troy Tulowitzki. LeMahieu extended his hitting streak to 18 games with an RBI double as part of a four-run first, tripled in the fifth and singled in the ninth to help Colorado won for the third time in five games. □



**In this Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014 file photo, New York Mets relief pitcher Jenrry Mejia tosses the ball to throw out Colorado Rockies' Josh Rutledge at first base to end a baseball game, in New York.**

**Associated Press**

## Mets reliever Mejia banned for year for positive drug test

**MIKE FITZPATRICK**

**AP Baseball Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Just back from an 80-game doping suspension, New York Mets reliever Jenrry Mejia was banned for an additional 162 games by Major League Baseball on Tuesday following a second positive test for steroids.

Mejia was suspended on April 11 after testing positive for stanozolol. This time, he tested positive for stanozolol and boldenone. Mejia will miss the final 63 games this season. If the Mets don't reach the playoffs, he must sit out the first 99 games next year.

His 162-game penalty matches the one served by Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez last year for the longest doping suspension handed out to a Major League Baseball player. The bans will cost Mejia \$2,112,869 of his \$2,595,000 salary this season.

"I was totally shocked. Incredible — whatever the right term is — that this could happen so swiftly on the heels of a past suspension," Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said. Mejia returned to the mound on July 12 and was 1-0 in seven games, pitch-

ing 7 1-3 scoreless innings. Because of the first suspension, he would have been ineligible for the postseason this year — if the Mets made it that far. He would, however, be eligible for the 2016 postseason. Alderson was asked if it was fair to assume Mejia's career with the Mets was over.

"I wouldn't want to be that hasty today," he said. "Trust plays a big part. It's not just a matter of trust, it's a matter of reliability. So dependability, consistency, those are all important considerations." □

**3 Yankees minor league pitchers suspended**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Three New York Yankees pitchers in the Dominican Summer League have been suspended 72 games each for positive tests under baseball's minor league drug program.

Anderson Acevedo, Anthoniris Santana and Carlos Santana all tested positive for metabolites of stanozolol, the commissioner's office said Wednesday. There have been 72 suspensions this year under the minor league drug program. □



# Hosmer's HR in 9th lifts Royals to 2-1 win over Indians

The Associated Press

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Eric Hosmer's homer with two outs in the ninth inning lifted Kansas City to a victory over Cleveland, which has lost eight straight at home — its longest home losing streak in 40 years.

Hosmer hit a 3-2 pitch from Trevor Bauer (8-8) over the wall in right for his 11th homer. The shot came one pitch after Indians catcher Roberto Perez threw out Lorenzo Cain trying to steal second. When his homer cleared the wall, Hosmer pointed toward Kansas City's dugout, which was celebrating wildly.

Wade Davis (7-1) pitched a perfect eighth and Greg Holland worked the ninth — getting a nifty groundout, and a game-ending double play — for his 22nd save as the Royals won their fourth straight and 16th in 21 games.

## WHITE SOX 9, RED SOX 4

**BOSTON (AP)** — Jose Abreu and Geovany Soto homered and drove in three runs each, and Jeff Samardzija pitched eight strong innings for Chicago in a victory over Boston.

The White Sox quickly spoiled Boston's pregame party for Hall of Fame pitcher Pedro Martinez by scoring five runs in the first inning. Chicago tagged Boston starter Wade Miley for 10 hits and seven runs, all earned, over 5 2/3 innings, and finished with 14 hits.

The last batter Miley (8-9) faced was Abreu, who hit a shot deep to right-center field and sent Mookie Betts tumbling into Boston's bullpen. Betts grabbed the ball on the run and managed to hold on while twisting his body and hitting the wall with his lower back, but dropped it when he landed.

Initially called the third out, umpires reviewed the play for nearly three minutes before overturning the call and allowing Abreu to round the bases for his 16th homer.

## ASTROS 10, ANGELS 5

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Jose

Altuve had a career-high five RBIs to lead Houston to a victory over Los Angeles in a game between the top teams in the American League West.

Altuve had an RBI single in the second, drove in two runs in the fourth inning and tacked on another two with a double in Houston's four-run sixth to make it 10-5. He finished with three hits.

The Angels played without Mike Trout, who missed the game with an injured left wrist. He's listed as day to day.

Houston starter Collin McHugh (12-5) allowed seven hits and five runs with four walks in five innings for his third straight win.

C.J. Wilson (8-8) yielded six hits and six runs in four-plus innings.

## YANKEES 21, RANGERS 5

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — After giving up five runs in the first inning, New York made up for it real fast.

Brendan Ryan doubled twice with three RBIs and Didi Gregorius had a bases-loaded triple in New York's 11-run second inning as the Yankees overcame Texas. Chris Young started the big inning with a double and scored the first of his two runs when Chase Headley had the first of his two RBI singles in the frame. An inning later, Young hit his fourth career grand slam.

A day after his 40th birthday, Alex Rodriguez had an RBI double off the top of the 14-foot wall in left field to make it 6-5 and chase starter Martin Perez (0-2).

The AL East-leading Yankees won for the eighth time in nine games, and are majors-best 16-5 in July — matching their most wins in a month since August 2013.

## RAYS 10, TIGERS 2

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Rookie Curt Casali had three hits and homered twice for the second straight game, leading Tampa Bay to a victory over slumping Detroit.

Casali hit a two-run homer off All-Star David Price (9-

4) in the fourth inning and added a solo shot off the former Rays ace for a 5-1 lead in the sixth. He struck out with the bases loaded in the eighth, finishing 3 for 4 with three RBIs on consecutive nights.

Jake Odorizzi (6-6) allowed one run and six hits over six innings to improve to 2-1 since returning from a five-week stint on the disabled list.

Yoenis Cespedes homered for the second straight night for the Tigers, who've lost four of five to start a 10-game game road trip.

## ORIOLES 7, BRAVES 3

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Chris Davis homered twice and drove in five runs as Baltimore cruised past Atlanta for its fourth straight victory.

Davis hit a three-run shot in the first inning and a two-run drive in the second, both off Julio Teheran (6-6). It was Davis' 10th career multihomer game, the third this season.

Ubaldo Jimenez shook off a miserable start to pitch seven innings for the Orioles, who will seek to complete a three-game sweep on Wednesday night. Baltimore's four-game winning streak follows a 5-15 skid.

Jimenez (8-6) didn't allow a hit after the first inning and retired 18 of the final 20 batters he faced. The right-hander gave up two runs, four hits and three walks to end a run of three successive defeats.

Freddie Freeman homered for the Braves (46-54), who have lost 12 of 16 to fall a season-high eight games under .500.

## ATHLETICS 2, DODGERS 0

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Sonny Gray pitched a masterful three-hitter for his second shutout in July, and Oakland snapped its four-game losing streak with a victory over Los Angeles.

Josh Reddick homered, doubled and singled for the last-place A's, who traded Ben Zobrist, Scott Kazmir and closer Tyler Clippard in the past six days. □



Kansas City Royals' Eric Hosmer points to the Royals dugout after hitting a solo home run off Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Trevor Bauer in the ninth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, July 28, 2015, in Cleveland.

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# Brady

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"It is completely incomprehensible to me that the league continues to take steps to disparage one of its all-time great players, and a man for whom I have the utmost respect," the Patriots owner said. "I have come to the conclusion that this was never about doing what was fair and just."

Just before the courts closed in Minnesota, the NFL Players Association asked the court to overturn Brady's four-game suspension — or at least put it on hold until the case can be heard. The union asked the court to throw out the suspension before Sept. 4; that would keep Brady from missing any practices before the Patriots' Sept. 10 season-opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"We need to free him up for that first week," union attorney Jeffrey Kessler told The Associated Press. "We don't believe this discipline can ever be sustained."

The lawsuit argues that the NFL made up its rules as it went along and misapplied the ones that were already on the books. In an interview with the AP, Kessler called it "offensive" that the league accused Brady of destroying his cellphone to obstruct the investigation, a claim NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell made in upholding the suspension on Tuesday.

"We believe they highlighted this issue solely to inflame the public, to suggest there is some secret information being withheld, and that's wrong," Kessler told the AP. "It's an unfair character assassination of a player who has done nothing but be a model citizen for this league."

Brady defended the cellphone swap on Facebook. "To suggest that I destroyed a phone to avoid giving the NFL information it requested is completely wrong," he said. "There is no 'smoking gun' and this controversy is manufactured to distract from the fact they have zero evi-

dence of wrongdoing."

Brady was suspended four games and the Patriots were docked \$1 million and two draft picks in May for what the league found was a scheme to provide improperly inflated footballs for the AFC championship game against the Indianapolis Colts. Investigator Ted Wells zeroed in on two equipment managers — one who called himself "The Deflator" — and said Brady was "at least generally aware" of the illegal deflation scheme.

Kraft said the Patriots did nothing wrong, but the team fired the two equipment managers. He said he didn't fight the team's penalty because he thought the league would go easy on the star quarterback.

Now, he said, he regrets his decision.

"I truly believe that what I did in May ... would make it much easier for the league to exonerate Tom Brady. Unfortunately, I was wrong," Kraft said, apologizing to the team's fans and to Brady. "Six months removed from the AFC championship game, the league still has no hard evidence of anybody doing anything to tamper with the PSI levels of footballs."

Kraft said the team turned over every cellphone not belonging to a player — including the one belonging to coach Bill Belichick. The powerful owner, who had been one of Goodell's most loyal allies, said the league's claim that Brady trashed his phone to obstruct the investigation was just the latest in a series of statements and leaks that "intentionally implied nefarious behavior" where there was none.

"Tom Brady is a person of great integrity and is a great ambassador of the game, both on and off the field," Kraft said.

Brady, who had earlier denied cheating accusations with the tepid "I don't think so," more forcefully defended himself in the Facebook post, claiming he cooperated with the investigation except where doing so would have set a bad precedent for his union brethren.



In this Feb. 2, 2015, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, left, poses with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell during a news conference where Brady was presented the Super Bowl MVP in Phoenix, Ariz. **Associated Press**

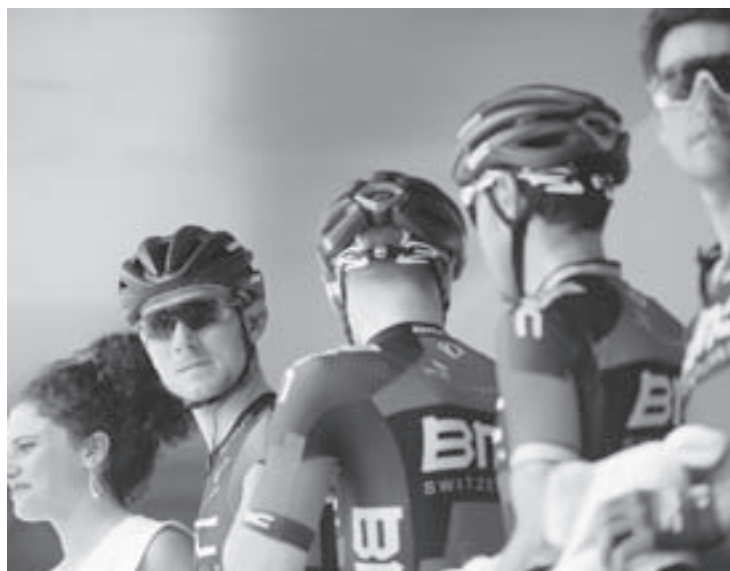
Brady said he replaced his broken phone only after his lawyers told league investigators they couldn't have it. "Most importantly, I have never written, texted, emailed to anybody at any

time, anything related to football air pressure before this issue was raised at the AFC Championship game in January," he wrote.

The post was liked by 51,000 people — including

his wife, supermodel Gisele Bündchen — in the first 30 minutes after it was posted on Facebook. By the time the lawsuit was filed at 6 p.m. Boston time, the number was 250,000. □

## Van Garderen to return to cycling at Vuelta a Espana



Tejay van Garderen of the U.S., left, looks back as BMC Racing Team lines up to receive the award for the best performing team prior to the start of the fourteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 178.5 kilometers (110.9 miles) with start in Rodez and finish in Mende, France, Saturday, July 18, 2015. **Associated Press.**

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Tejay van Garderen will return to racing at the

Vuelta a Espana after an illness forced the American cyclist out of the Tour

de France with a podium finish in sight.

BMC Racing Team general manager Jim Ochowicz said Wednesday that van Garderen and Samuel Sanchez will headline his team at the season's finale grand tour beginning Aug. 22.

It will be the first time van Garderen has started the Spanish race since 2010.

One of three American riders in this year's Tour, Van Garderen was third overall when he was forced to abandon in the final week.

His decision to race in Spain also means van Garderen will miss the USA Pro Challenge, a race he has won the past two years. That race in Colorado begins Aug. 17. □



# Will the Internet listen to your private conversations?

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Like a lot of teenagers, Aanya Nigam reflexively shares her whereabouts, activities and thoughts on Twitter, Instagram and other social networks without a qualm.

But Aanya's care-free attitude dissolved into paranoia a few months ago shortly after her mother bought Amazon's Echo, a digital assistant that can be set up in a home or office to listen for various requests, such as for a song, a sports score, the weather, or even a book to be read aloud. After using the Internet-connected device for two months, Aanya, 16, started to worry that the Echo was eavesdropping on conversations in her Issaquah, Washington, living room. So she unplugged the device and hid it in a place that her mother, Anjana Agarwal, still hasn't been able to find.

"I guess there is a difference between deciding to share something and having something captured



This file product image provided by Amazon shows the Amazon Echo, the latest advance in voice-recognition technology that's enabling machines to record snippets of conversation that are analyzed and stored by companies promising to make their customers' lives better.

Associated Press

by something that you don't know when it's listening," Agarwal said of her daughter's misgivings. The Echo, a \$180 cylindrical device that began general shipping in July after months of public test-

ing, is the latest advance in voice-recognition technology that's enabling machines to record snippets of conversation that are analyzed and stored by companies promising to make their customers' lives better. Other increasingly popular forms of voice-recognition services include Apple's Siri assistant on mobile devices, Microsoft's Cortana and the "OK Google" feature for speaking to Google's search engine. Spoken commands can also be used to find something to watch on some TVs, and an upcoming Barbie doll will include an Internet-connected microphone to hear what's being said.

These innovations will confront people with a choice pitting convenience against privacy as they decide whether to open another digital peephole into their lives for a growing number of devices equipped with Internet-connected microphones and cameras.

The phenomenon, dubbed the "Internet of Things," promises to usher in an era of automated homes outfitted with locks, lights, thermostats, entertainment systems and servants such as

privacy Agency contractor Edward Snowden released documents revealing that the U.S. government's terrorist-fighting programs have included mining personal information collected by a variety of technology companies.

The Electronic Privacy Information Center, a watchdog group, wants the Federal Trade Commission to set security standards and strict limitations on the storage and use of personal information collected through Internet-connected microphones and cameras.

"We think it's misleading to only present the potential conveniences of this technology without also presenting the huge number of possible drawbacks," said Julia Horwitz, director of the center's privacy project.

## Yahoo plays catch-up in messaging with video texting app

NEW YORK (AP) — Imagine making a video call without other people being able to listen in. Yahoo is trying to make that happen with Livetext, a new app that seeks to make video calling as private as texting. Yahoo says video calls can be better than texts for expressing emotions, but their audio component makes private conversations public. With Livetext, you message friends by typing, just like texting, but you see video of friends without the audio. It's the latest example of Yahoo trying to catch up in mobile services since Marissa Mayer became the company's CEO three years ago. Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp, Skype and other services already

deliver video calls. Yahoo's twist is silencing audio. It's not clear how much traction this app will get. Friends will also need to be using Livetext, and for now, the pool of users is much smaller than those with established rivals. Yahoo says it didn't want to tap its existing network of millions of users, in order to keep the experience intimate. To use Livetext, users create a separate ID and make friend requests using their phone's address book. Following tests in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Ireland, as well as some U.S. college campuses, the app will be released Thursday in the U.S., Canada, Germany, France and the U.K. Versions for Apple and Android devices will be available. □



In this photo taken Thursday, July 23, 2015, Anjana Agarwal, left, poses with a photo with her daughter Aanya Nigam, 16, in Issaquah, Wash.

Associated Press

the Echo that respond to spoken words.

It's also raising the specter of Internet-connected microphones being secretly used as a wiretap, either by a company providing a digital service, government officials with court orders or intruders that seize control of the equipment.

"We are on the trajectory of a future filled with voice-assisted apps and voice-assisted devices," Forrester Research analyst Fatemeh Khatibloo says. "This is going to require finding the fine balance between creating a really great user experience and something that's creepy."

Fears about Internet surveillance have heightened during the past two years as former National Security

The FTC believes companies selling Internet-connected devices and apps should collect as little personal data as possible and quickly delete it once the information has served its purpose, said Kristen Anderson, an attorney with the commission's division of privacy and identity protection.

Amazon.com says Echo users don't need to worry about the device eavesdropping on them. As a safeguard, according to Amazon, the device's microphone is programmed to come on only after it's activated with the press of a button or the use of a certain word, such as Alexa, the name of the software that powers the Echo. □



## Whole Foods: Sales hurt by bad publicity from overcharging

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Whole Foods says its sales are hurting from bad publicity over its overcharging of customers in New York City. The grocery chain known for its organic offerings noted that sales growth slowed sharply in the last two weeks of the quarter ending July 5. That was after New York City officials

said an audit found the chain's stores were overcharging customers by overstating the weight of pre-packed products — a finding that Whole Foods noted made national news. The company said sales at established locations were still weak in the current quarter. "There's no magic bullet for restoring whatever trust

was lost," co-CEO Walter Robb said during a call with analysts and investors. Robb noted the company has taken actions to ensure the overcharging doesn't happen again. That includes training for workers and an offer to customers that products will be free if the prices are not accurate and not in their favor. After adjusting for the tim-

ing of Easter this year, the company said sales rose 2.6 percent at established locations in the first 10 weeks of the quarter. The figure fell to 0.4 percent in the final two weeks of the period after the NYC audit became public. In the first three weeks of the current quarter, the figure was up just 0.6 percent. For the full fiscal year,

Whole Foods now expects sales at established locations to rise in the low single-digit percentages, down from the previous forecast of growth in the low- to mid-single digits. Whole Foods Market Inc., based in Austin, Texas, is trying to find new ways to drive up sales as organic foods become more widely available. □

## Stocks end higher after Fed keeps interest rates unchanged

**KEN SWEET**  
**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. stocks rose on Wednesday after Federal Reserve policymakers voted to keep interest rates unchanged and gave no indication that a rate rise was imminent. A modest rebound in Chinese stocks also helped push the market higher. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 121.12 points, or 0.7 percent, to 17,751.39. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 15.32 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,108.57 and the Nasdaq composite rose 22.53 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,111.73.

The Fed said the U.S. economy continues to improve in numerous aspects, but signaled that it wants to see further economic gains and higher inflation before raising rates. Many investors expect the Fed will still lift rates in September or December, but its statement gave no timing for the raise. Low interest rates have been good for stock investors, helping fuel a bull market that has lasted more



**A television screen on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shows the decision of the Federal Reserve, Wednesday, July 29, 2015. The Federal Reserve appears on track to raise interest rates later this year but is signaling that it wants to see further economic gains and higher inflation before doing so. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)**

than six years. "Yeah, the economy is improving, but they are not really saying that the economy is taking off here," said Tom di Galoma, head of rates trading at ED&F Man Capital. "If the Fed doesn't raise rates in September, I

think we're looking at some time mid next year." There are several reasons why the Fed could stand pat on interest rates, from the recent distress in China's stock market to the falling prices of commodities this year, which will help

keep a lid on inflation. Bond investors seemed to agree with the idea that the Fed was in no rush to raise rates. Bonds rose, pushing the benchmark 10-year Treasury note traded at a yield of 2.27 compared with the nearly 2.30 percent

before the Fed statement. Investors had a second day of relative calm in the Chinese stock market. China's Shanghai Composite Index rebounded 3.4 percent to close at 3,969.40 after flitting between gains and losses for most of the day. Alarm over the sharp fall in Chinese shares has abated somewhat as the Shanghai index has steadied following Monday's 8.5 percent dive.

A strong batch of corporate earnings also helped lift the market. Gilead Sciences rose \$2.64, or 2.3 percent, to \$115.71. The company's profits jumped 23 percent from a year ago, helped by its new blockbuster hepatitis C medicine Harvoni. The company also raised its 2015 forecasts. Northrop Grumman led defense companies higher after it posted a stronger-than-expected profit in the second quarter and raised its outlook for the year. Northrop's stock jumped \$10.10, or 6.2 percent, to \$173.44, its biggest one-day gain in at least five years. □

## Volkswagen Q2 earns slip on restructuring, troubled markets

**DAVID McHUGH**  
**AP Business Writer**

**FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)** — Automaker Volkswagen saw profits slip in the second quarter despite taking the global lead in sales over Toyota and GM. The company based in Wolfsburg, Germany, was hit by 180 million euros (\$198 million) in restructuring costs at its MAN truck division. More broadly, it faces headwinds from troubled

economies in China, Russia and Brazil. Profit after tax fell to 2.73 billion euros from 3.25 billion euros in the prior-year quarter. Revenues rose 9.9 percent to 56.04 billion euros, largely boosted by favorable exchange rate changes. CEO Martin Winterkorn warned against becoming complacent over the sales lead, saying that "size is not an end in itself."

Volkswagen AG said Wednesday that earnings from joint ventures with Chinese automakers, booked as equity holdings rather than operating profits, were roughly flat over the first half of the year. China has been a key source of sales growth for German car makers but economic growth there has been slowing. VW sales in China fell by 0.5 percent in the first half of the year. The company said that

growth in the Chinese auto market had weakened and then turned negative in June. Along with other automakers, Volkswagen faces plunging demand in Russia, where the fall in the ruble has hit consumers hard. Analyst Marc-Rene Tonn of Warburg Research said that "operationally, it was a good quarter." He said profit margins were maintained for the company's luxury brand Audi

and improved at the core Volkswagen brand. VW brand margins improved to 3.3 percent from 2.3 percent, though that's still considered low. The company's other brands include SEAT, Skoda, Bentley and Porsche. The negative side was lower second-quarter income from China, he said: "The key focus will be on China, and the development of the at-equity results, from here." □



## Twitter stock tumbles as user growth stalls

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Tepid user growth and ongoing uncertainty about its leadership dragged Twitter's stock to its lowest level in over a year Wednesday, even though the short-messaging service reported sharply quarterly higher revenue.

Twitter is "not satisfied" with its user growth, co-founder Jack Dorsey, who replaced Dick Costolo as CEO earlier this month, said Tuesday after the earnings report. But that's unlikely to change any time soon.

Twitter doesn't expect to see "sustained, meaningful growth" of its number of users until it reaches the mass market, said Chief Financial Officer Anthony Noto. This, he said, will take considerable time.

While the company is planning to boost its marketing efforts to lure in new users, Noto also acknowledged that the site remains too difficult to use for many people.

On average, Twitter had 316 million monthly active users in the second quarter, up less than 3 percent from the previous three months.

"Stagnant user growth suggests Twitter is still trying to find its place in the social media food chain," said Colin Sebastian, an analyst at Baird Equity Research, in a note to investors.

While Twitter's quarterly results easily surpassed Wall Street's expectations, the analyst said the company's potential "remains in question due to the perceived 'niche' adoption when compared to other social media peers" such as Facebook with its nearly 1.5 billion monthly users, or Snapchat with its 100 million daily users.

Nonetheless, Cantor Fitzgerald analyst Youssef Squali said Twitter's long-term potential remains intact, helped by its unique offering as "the largest real-time broadcasting platform" as well as its "growing level of monetization." □

## Better economy has smokers buying more Marlboros

**MICHELLE CHAPMAN**

**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A better economy is helping sell more Marlboros and Camels, even as prices climb. That brought higher profits for their makers in the second quarter.

Marlboro maker Altria Inc. has now seen two straight quarters of upticks in cigarettes sold. That is unusual at a time when tobacco companies have routinely seen declines, as people smoke less because of tax increases, smoking bans, health concerns and increasing social stigma.

Camel cigarette maker Reynolds American said a day earlier that it also sold more cigarettes in the quarter. Altria said it estimate total industry sales of cigarettes held even with last year.

Altria said part of the 3.1 percent increase resulted from retailers' inventory movements, which often come when they stock up ahead of a price increase. But the company said volume rose 1 percent in the quarter even adjusting for that factor.

An improving economy is helping cigarette sales, analyst Christopher Grove of Stifel Nicolaus said in note to clients this week.

One component that's likely playing a role is the job market. Employers have steadily added jobs since the beginning of 2014, creating an average of 242,556 jobs each month and the unemployment rate has fallen to 5.3



Store manager Stephanie Hunt poses for photos with a pack of Marlboro cigarettes, an Altria brand, at a Smoker Friendly shop in Pittsburgh. Altria reported quarterly financial results on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.

(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

percent from 6.7 percent during that time.

In addition, while gasoline prices may have mostly inched upward in recent months, they are still well below last year's, leaving more money in smokers' pockets.

Altria Chairman and CEO Martin Barrington said during a conference call that the company knows that smokers started to feel better financially during the second half of 2014, when gasoline prices began to drop sharply.

It's not clear yet if more people are smoking or if smokers are simply buying a few more cigarettes, but Altria and Reynolds' increased sales are raising some concerns about the

health impact.

Dr. Kurt Ribisl, a professor at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, said that he wouldn't be surprised if there's a small increase in cigarette smoking because few states have raised excise taxes recently or passed comprehensive smoke-free air laws. Vince Willmore, spokesman for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said that the group will need to carefully monitor to see if it's a quarterly blip or a longer-term trend. "The quarterly increase in cigarette sales is a warning to elected officials at all levels that they need to do more to reduce smoking," he said.

The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention's most recent data indicates that 17.8 percent of adults in the U.S. were current cigarette smokers in 2013. The center said that 9.2 percent of high school students and 2.5 percent of middle school students were current cigarette smokers in 2014.

Matthew Farrelly, chief scientist at RTI International, said during a phone interview that he believes the rise in cigarette sales being reported by Altria and Reynolds American could be a small upward blip in an otherwise overall downward market trend.

"It takes a while to get more of a fuller picture of what's happening nationwide," he explained. □

## Facebook stock slides even as 2Q results soar

**B. ORTUTAY**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Facebook surpassed expectations on all fronts in the second quarter, growing not just profit and revenue but its already-massive user base, mobile advertising and usage of its "family" of non-Facebook apps like Instagram and WhatsApp. Even so, its stock price fell after the results came out, as some investors may have been looking for

even better results, or they may be simply cashing in on some profits as Facebook's shares have been trading near record highs. Spending also soared in the April-June period, as Facebook had promised it would.

The world's largest online social network said Wednesday that it had 1.31 billion people monthly mobile users as of June 30, up 23 percent from a year earlier. It reached 1.49 bil-

lion monthly users, up 13 percent from a year earlier. Facebook also had 968 million daily active users overall and 844 million on mobile devices.

"Once again Facebook has proven its ability to attract and retain users. It's particularly impressive that users are more engaged than ever before — that the percentage of monthly users who visit every day continues to grow," said Forrester Research analyst

Nate Elliott.

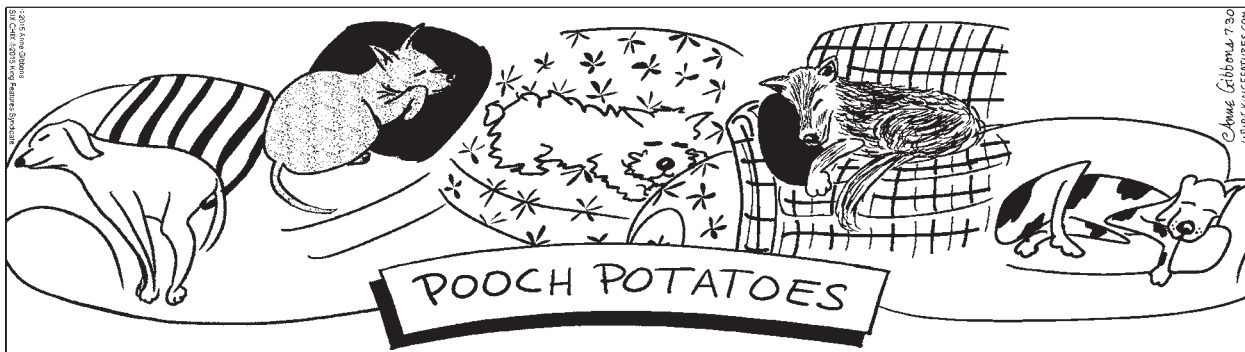
That's in contrast to Twitter, which continues to worry investors with stalling user growth. Facebook's mobile advertising represented 76 percent of the total advertising revenue during the April-June period, proof that the company continues to attract advertisers to where its users are — on smartphones and other hand-held gadgets. That's up from 62 percent a year earlier. □



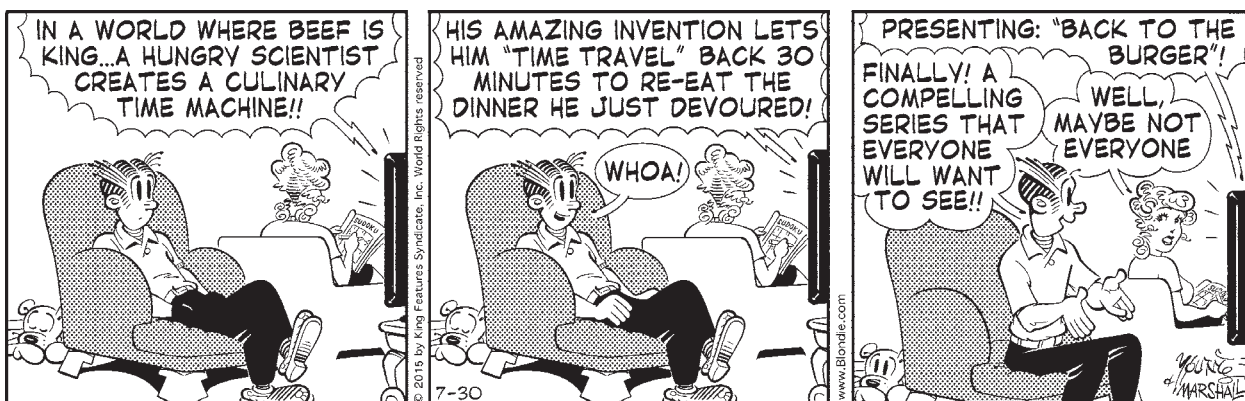
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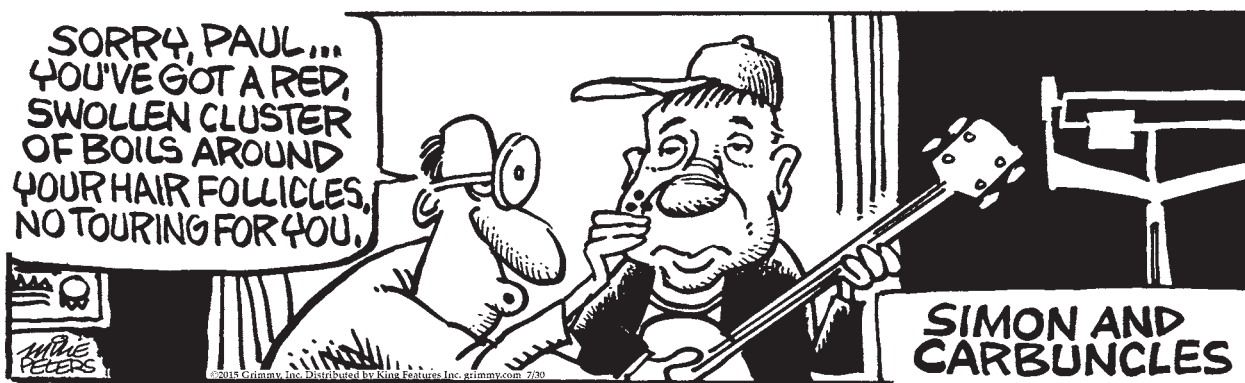
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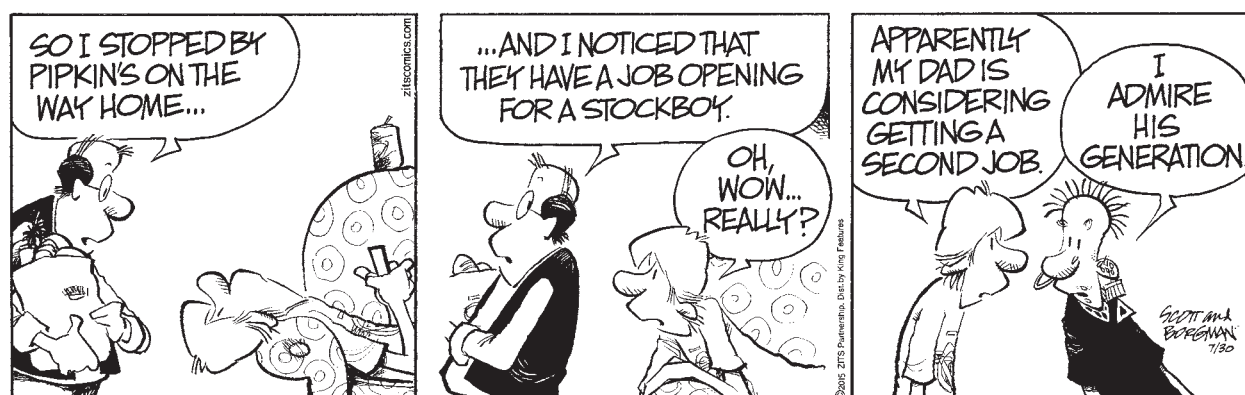
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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1	5	9	6	8	3	2	4	7

**ACROSS**

- Orange rind
- Enlarges a hole
- Dull pain
- Path
- Bert's buddy
- Gangster
- R & B singer
- James
- Agreeing
- Hardwood tree
- Mediocre
- Sty cries
- Loosen
- Severinsen or Holliday
- Not formal
- Talks back
- Go out on \_; be a risk-taker
- Shovel
- "Along, Little Dogies"
- Spill the beans
- Does' mates
- Tibia or femur
- Zsa Zsa, to Eva
- British nobles
- Walked back & forth nervously
- Insignia
- Extends one's subscription
- Mai tai ingredient
- Fire engine's blaring device
- Hatred
- Flamingo color
- Refrain syllable
- Standard operating \_; SOPs
- "Get a \_!"
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- Carryall
- Operated a car
- Stack
- Mineral springs
- Concluded
- Highest cards

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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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- Ardor
- Grassland
- Shrink back in fear
- Jagged
- Domini; A.D.
- Prefix for deeds or deals
- Observe
- Upper rooms
- Goatee's place
- Handsome guy
- Basketful from the henhouse
- Lasso's loop
- Puncture
- Like gums shot with Novocain
- Papas
- Hired vehicles
- TV's "Kate & "
- Hangs limply
- Narcissistic
- Tough fibrous tissue
- Flower stalk
- On a \_ with; equivalent to

**DOWN**

- "Guilty" or "Not guilty"
- Gobbles up

- Mack & Turner
- Appear
- Cause of woe
- Ostrich feather
- \_ up; become cheerful again
- Willis and Lee
- Hosed down
- Colander
- \_ for; selects
- Let fall
- Tiny bit
- Urge on
- Inturiate
- Primates
- Ike's initials
- Fancy vase
- Student's avg.



## France

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Those caught on the French side are generally immediately freed to return to the camps and try again. Those caught on the British side may be detained while their applications for asylum are considered. But many stay hidden aboard trucks as they roll off the trains until they stop for fuel, then hop off

about 2,000 attempts on each of two successive nights. British Home Secretary Theresa May said "a number" of migrants made it through overnight. Attempts have been increasing exponentially as has the sense of crisis in recent weeks, spurred by new barriers around the Eurotunnel site, lack of access to the Calais port, labor strife that turned the rails into protest sites for striking workers, and an in-

man in his mid-20s, was crushed by a truck as he tried to stow away, Gilles Debove, a police union official told The Associated Press.

The delays caused mayhem for truckers on both sides of the Channel. Cargo trucks were backed up overnight in Calais for several kilometers (miles) leading to the loading zone, some of them stuck on a highway overpass above one of the many make-



Police officers block migrants along a road to prevent their access to train tracks which lead to the Channel Tunnel, in Calais, northern France, Wednesday, July 29, 2015. Migrants rushed the tunnel linking France and England repeatedly for a second night on Wednesday and one man was crushed by a truck in the chaos, deepening tensions surrounding the thousands of people camped in this northern French port city.

(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

and vanish.

"Smugglers sell migrants the notion that Britain is the only El Dorado for a better life," said Emmanuel Agrius, the deputy mayor of Calais.

Eurotunnel defended its efforts, saying Wednesday it had blocked more than 37,000 attempts since January. Nine people have died trying since June, including the man crushed by a truck. An Egyptian trying to leap from a train roof and board the Eurostar at Paris' Gare du Nord train station was in critical condition after being electrocuted.

There were wildly conflicting totals of people involved in Wednesday's rush for the tunnel, ranging from 150 to as many as 1,200. But French authorities and the company agreed there had been

flux of desperate migrants. "This exceptional migrant situation has dramatic human consequences," French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said. "Calais is a mirror of conflicts tearing up regions of the world."

About 25 migrants were seen getting off a public bus in Calais early Wednesday with a police officer who left them by the side of the road. Several said they were returning from a night of trying to cross the Channel.

"(We) come from train here and tomorrow, inshallah, try again in the train," said an Eritrean, using the Arabic expression for "God willing," who would not give his name as he planned further attempts to reach England.

The man killed overnight, believed to be a Sudanese

shift migrant camps. British police, meanwhile, turned parts of a highway near the British end of the tunnel into a giant parking lot. Passenger service was also delayed.

Eurotunnel called for help from both the French and British governments to protect the site and its 23-kilometer (14-mile) perimeter, which is far more dangerous for migrants than the now locked-down port had been, with small hills, basins of water and electrified shuttles for the trucks that can strike stowaways. "It's become a phenomenon which is beyond our means," Eurotunnel spokesman John Keefe said. "We're just a small transport company operating in a little corner of Europe."

Keefe said attacks on the fences are organized.

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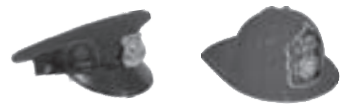


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## Remains of 4 early colonial leaders discovered at Jamestown

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Archaeologists have uncovered human remains of four of the earliest leaders of the English colony that would become America, buried for more than 400 years near the altar of what was America's first Protestant church in Jamestown, Virginia.

The four burial sites were uncovered in the earthen floor of what was Jamestown's historic Anglican church from 1608, a team of scientists and historians announced Tuesday. The site is the same church where Pocahontas famously married Englishman John Rolfe, leading to peace between the Powhatan Indians and colonists at the first permanent English settlement in America. Beyond the human remains, archaeologists also found artifacts buried with the colonial leaders — including a mysterious Catholic container for holy relics found in the Protestant church.

The Jamestown Rediscovery archaeology team revealed its discovery at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. The museum is helping to study and identify those buried in the church. The burials were first uncovered in November 2013, but the scientific team wanted to trace and identify its findings with some certainty

before announcing the discovery. Archaeologists have been studying the site since 1994 when the original James Fort — long thought to be lost and submerged in the James River — was rediscovered. The church site

likely the first knight buried in America; and Capt. William West, who died in a fight with the Powhatan Indians. The three other men likely died after brief illnesses. They were buried between 1608 and 1610. "What we have discov-

the bodies. Burial items were rare in English culture at the time, archaeologists said.

In the remnants of Archer's coffin, archaeologists found a captain's leading staff as a symbol of Archer's military status.

Catholic relics have been found in the Jamestown archaeological site before, but the placement of this box seems particularly symbolic, the historians said. They used CT scans to see inside the sealed box without damaging it — gaining a view that wouldn't have been possible 10 years ago.

An alternative theory holds that the religious piece was simply repurposed for the Anglican church as a holdover from Catholic tradition as England waffled between Catholic and Protestant rule. Historians said more research must be done.

"It was a real kind of aha moment for a lot of us," said William Kelso, Jamestown's director of archaeology. "It was oh, religion was a big deal here, and that's often overlooked. Everyone thinks that people came to Jamestown to find gold and go home and live happily ever after."

But the Church of England had a strong role in the creation of an English America with the Protestant church acting as a bulwark against Spain's Catholic colonies to the south, Horn said.

In West's burial plot, archaeologists found remnants of the military leader's silver-edged sash in a block of soil. The silk material was too delicate to remove from the dirt, so archaeologists removed an entire block of dirt for preservation.

Archaeologists will continue searching the church site and expect to eventually find the burial of Sir Thomas West, the early governor of Virginia who led a rescue mission to save Jamestown when the colony was collapsing, Horn said. □



**Bill Kelso, director of archaeology at Jamestown Discover, poses with bone fragments of four high-status leaders who helped shape the future of America during the initial phase of the Jamestown colony displayed at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, Tuesday, July 28, 2015.**

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was mostly untouched and had not been excavated for more than a century until it was found in 2010. The team identified the remains of the Rev. Robert Hunt, Jamestown's first Anglican minister who was known as a peace-maker between rival leaders; Capt. Gabriel Archer, a nemesis of one-time colony leader John Smith; Sir Ferdinando Wainman,

ered here in the earliest English church in America are four of the first leaders of America," said historian James Horn who is president of the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation. "There's nothing like it anywhere else in this country." While the individuals buried at Jamestown were not royalty, they were considered pivotal figures in the early colony. Horn compared the find to the 2012 discovery of the lost grave of King Richard III in England.

Two years ago, the Jamestown team also found evidence of survival cannibalism in the colony. Perhaps just as interesting as the newly discovered human remains are some of the artifacts buried with

Historical records indicate Archer helped lead some of the earliest expeditions to Jamestown. He died at the age of 34 during a six-month period known as the "starving time" when many perished due to disease, starvation and battles with Indians.

Mysteriously, a small silver box resting atop Archer's coffin turns out likely to be a Catholic reliquary containing bone fragments and a container for holy water. Archer's parents were Catholic in Protestant England, which became illegal. So the discovery raises the question of whether Archer was perhaps part of a secret Catholic cell — or even a Catholic spy on behalf of the Spanish, Horn said.



# New 'Daily Host' host says tenor will change, not targets

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AP Television Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)

— Incoming "Daily Show" host Trevor Noah said politics and the media will remain targets of the program but the perspective will be distinctively his.

"The show still has its voice. It's just I'm at the helm taking things in a slightly different direction, but still trying to get to the same end place," Noah said Wednesday during a Q&A session with TV critics.

Outgoing host Jon Stewart is a middle-aged Jewish man from New Jersey, Noah said, while he's a 31-year-old half-black, half-white South African man who's spent about five years in America as he's pursued his comedy career.

"Look at issues in America right now, say just about racial inequality, Jon and I come from totally different points of view," he said. "Jon would have to empathize; I myself come from a totally different place."

The show is retaining its senior producing staff, Comedy Central has said and which channel executive Kent Alterman reaffirmed at the Television Critics Association session. The emphasis on stability makes sense: "Daily Show" with Stewart has been a cornerstone of the channel's success.

Noah said he'll be looking for affirmation from Stewart that he's doing right by the program. Stewart leaves Aug. 6 and Noah takes over Sept. 28.

"The biggest pressure for is living up to the expectations that Jon has of me. Jon believes in me," he said. There will be comparisons made between them, he acknowledged, but it's not his intent to immediately match what Stewart has built over a period of years.

"I have a foundation set up by a wonderfully smart, funny man," he said.

While the show's emphasis on domestic issues will remain, including how the media addresses them,



This image provided by Comedy Central shows Trevor Noah, the new host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," who starts Sept. 28, 2015. Associated Press

Noah said he will broaden the long-time emphasis on Fox News Channel because the sources of news in the online era are far more extensive.

He also intends to address international issues that are resonating in America, said Noah, who said he speaks seven languages. The comedian was well-received by fans and critics when he performed his stand-up act Tuesday night at a theater in Santa Monica, California. He put the emphasis on topics including black deaths at the hands of law enforcement rather than politics. During Wednesday's Q&A, he was self-assured and relaxed as he fielded questions that included the backlash to jokes that the comedian had tweeted several years ago, including ones that mocked Jews and women.

Noah politely dismissed the tweets as a few among many, suggesting they were judged harshly in part because Americans were unfamiliar with him and his comedic perspective. Before coming to the United States, he'd developed an international fan base.

"Luckily, Comedy Central hasn't limited me to 140

characters on the show, so I should be able to (speak) in a better, well-formed way," he said.

When Noah was asked why he appeared to be so unflappable, he traced it back to a difficult early

life that included a household beset by domestic violence and a native country fighting to break free from apartheid. Both his family and country are better off now, he said.

"Maybe I've been tainted

by hope and optimism. Maybe that's why I'm unflappable. I'm mixed now only in my blood but my life," he said. There are issues that get him "riled up," he added, but he likes to think before he acts. □

## Vincent Kartheiser's next role is opposite of 'Mad Men' part

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Vincent Kartheiser (KARTH'-eyes-er) plays the antithesis of his smarmy "Mad Men" character Pete Campbell in the upcoming NatGeo miniseries "Saints & Strangers."

The four-hour movie is about the men and women who crossed over on the Mayflower and their first year in America.

Cast members including Natascha McElhone, Barry Sloane and Ron Livingston addressed TV critics Wednesday at the annual summer press tour.

Kartheiser plays William Bradford, who was the second governor of the Plymouth Colony and is described as the moral compass of the story.

"Pete Campbell was the opposite of that," a bearded, long-haired Kartheiser

said via satellite from South Africa, where production is underway.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to dive into a different era and a different type of character. I also thought being on NatGeo, that they would honor this story and they would bring historical accuracy to it," he said.

Gina Matthews, an executive producer, added, "He has this quality to draw you in as an actor, and you can't take your eyes off him."

When a reporter asked the panel of actors and producers whether any of the American cast have ancestors who were on the Mayflower, Kartheiser responded, "No, but I think Pete Campbell did."

"Saints & Strangers" premieres Nov. 26 on National



This photo provided by National Geographic Channels shows, Anna Camp, from left, as Dorothy Bradford, William Kartheiser as William Bradford, Maria Vos as Elizabeth Winslow and Barry Sloane as Edward Winslow, onboard the Mayflower in National Geographic Channel's upcoming miniseries, "Saints & Strangers," premiering in fall 2015. Associated Press

Geographic Channel. □



# Oculus debuts virtual reality film 'Henry'

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**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)**

— Oculus is hedging its bets that an adorable critter named Henry can help convince consumers — and Hollywood — about the viability of virtual reality as a storytelling medium.

The VR company, which Facebook acquired for nearly \$2 billion last year, debuted a 10-minute narrative experience starring the lonely hedgehog Henry during an invite-only event Tuesday at a private mansion in Beverly Hills.

Inside, guests donned consumer versions of the Oculus Rift headset and were offered a 360-degree glimpse into Henry's cartoony home as his birthday wish magically came to life.

"Henry" is the second film from Oculus Story Studio, an internal production company that Oculus established last year after Facebook bought the VR company. "Lost," the studio's first short film, debuted at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year.

"The goal with 'Henry' and these short films isn't to be an introduction to virtual reality," said Oculus founder Palmer Luckey. "We're trying to build things with Oculus Story Studio that other people can learn from and build better content from as a result."

Luckey added that Oculus isn't attempting to create a studio to rival Hollywood's existing players. Instead, with "Henry" and Oculus' other work, the company is seeking to demonstrate VR's capability and inspire studios and production companies to create content beyond promotional efforts connected to other films and entertainment franchises.

"In a perfect world, we'll have all the major studios making tons of VR content because they're making tons of money off of it," said Luckey. "That would



This photo provided by Oculus shows a scene from the short animation film, "Henry." Oculus' second virtual reality film premiered Tuesday, July 28, 2015, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

**Associated Press**

be much better for us than having to hold up the entire VR marketplace with our own content. Nintendo managed to do that with their games, but it's really rough. It'll be much healthier to have a diverse ecosystem."

"Henry" is an entirely passive experience that doesn't require viewers to use a controller, other than tilting their head to see the action inside Henry's tree-trunk abode. However, "Henry" director Ramiro Lopes Dau, a former animator at Pixar, included the ability for the spikey character to look directly at the user during the experience.

"I think there's room for all

difference kinds of experiences, where they can be more or less interactive," said Lopes Dau. "In the case of 'Henry,' it's more about the character. We use those moments when he's happy or sad to look at you no matter where you're standing."

The introduction of interactivity in a piece of content referred to as a short film begs the question: Is "Henry" really a movie? Or is it a game? Or something else entirely?

"I don't think anyone really knows," said Lopes Dau. "Personally, I don't care what it's called. I just want to make something that gives you an emotion, tells you a story and is magical



## Mia Farrow faces Twitter backlash for lion dentist's address

In this April 21, 2015 file photo, Mia Farrow attends the TIME 100 Gala in New York.

**Associated Press**

**The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mia Farrow took some Twitter heat Wednesday for joining other angry social media posters and blasting out the business address of the dentist who killed the beloved lion Cecil in Zimbabwe.

Some apparently thought the actress had listed Walter Palmer's home address in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, calling for her verified Twitter account to be suspended under the site's terms of service.

A Twitter spokesman said the company does not comment on individual accounts for privacy and security reasons. He directed The Associated Press to official Twitter rules and policies that allow wiggle room on disciplinary action when

information was previously posted or displayed elsewhere on the Internet prior to being put on Twitter.

The Farrow account deleted the original missive amid the outrage questioning whether the intent was to ensure Palmer is physically tracked down by haters. But the deletion did little to calm Twitter nerves.

One tweeter clucked back at Farrow, "Maybe Donald Trump should give out your phone number," referring to Trump doing just that for a GOP rival, Sen. Lindsey Graham.

Another tweeted: "I hate what he did, but giving out his address isn't the way to go."

Farrow's manager did not immediately return an email Wednesday seeking comment. □

## NBC cancels Poehler comedy project 'Welcome to Sweden'

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)**

— U.S. viewers aren't going to see the love story on TV's "Welcome to Sweden" play out. NBC has canceled the comedy starring Greg Poehler two weeks into its second season. Poehler's sister Amy served as one of the executive producers of the series. "Welcome to Sweden" was an international production, filmed in Sweden

with American and Swedish actors. It aired there and in the United States. The premise is based on Greg Poehler's real-life experience of falling in love with a Swedish woman and moving to her home country to be with her. NBC says "Hollywood Game Night" will air this Sunday in its place, and the network is deciding when the rest of the episodes will air. □



In this image released by NBC, Josephine Bornebusch, left, and Greg Poehler appear in a scene from the NBC comedy "Welcome to Sweden."

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## High rollers: Dealers describe special treatment, abuse

MICHAEL MELIA

Associated Press

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP)

— One high roller requests a refrigerator full of bananas that he squeezes and throws as he gambles. Another urinates against a wall. Other high-stakes players described by a pit manager at Mohegan Sun, one of the world's largest casinos, throw chairs, scream at dealers and expect rules to be bent at the tables.

In the increasing competition for the biggest spenders, casinos are known to pull out all the stops with comped hotel rooms, meals and rebates for a percentage of their losses. But some dealers say efforts to satisfy and retain the players — known as “whales” — go much further, with casinos tolerating abuse and extending courtesies that test the integrity of the games.

“All men are created equal except in the casino,” Glen Costales, the pit manager, said at a hearing before a tribal gaming commission in May. Transcripts of the hearing were obtained by The Associated Press. “If it's a premium player, he gets away with a lot more than the five-dollar player would get away with.”

Costales was testifying in support of a pit boss, Maria DeGiacomo, who was fired this year after the casino accused her of colluding with a high roller by allowing late bets at a blackjack table. DeGiacomo and other employees say dealers frequently grant similar requests from top players.

The player, Matthew Menchetti, was a regular who lost as much as \$50,000 on visits to Mohegan Sun, and a lifetime total of more than \$1 million. Casino security flagged his play as suspicious in February and asked state police to arrest him and two dealers, but the detective concluded DeGiacomo and another dealer apparently took it upon themselves to keep Menchetti happy and playing, according to a police report, and no



In this Sept. 18, 2013, file photo, patrons play craps at a table at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Conn. Associated Press

charges were filed.

His attorney, John Strafacci, said Menchetti is seeking to have his name cleared by the gaming commission since state police cleared him of wrongdoing. He said what his client was doing was normal for players of his caliber.

Mohegan Sun's president, Raymond Pineault, said its termination of the dealers involved and its ejection of the player demonstrate it does not tolerate any bending of the rules. Shane Kaufmann, a vice president for a branch of the Transport Workers Union in Las Vegas, which represents several thousand casino dealers, said rules are frequently ignored at high-stakes tables.

“The casinos pretend they have rules that are set in stone, like going into a bank or dealing with a police station. Are they supposed to allow late bets? Absolutely not. Do they do it all the time? All the time,” said Kaufmann, a dealer who sees plenty of crude behavior himself. “The abuse, the screaming, the cheating, the sexual harassment. Throwing things around. It's worse all the time.”

Gaming commissions enforce the rules at casinos across the country, but the level of scrutiny can vary by jurisdiction. Dealers say state inspectors in

Atlantic City, New Jersey, for one, have a reputation for toughness. In Connecticut, the state does not have any oversight of table games at Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods, where the tribes that own the casinos also control their own gaming commissions.

Costales, who described the banana squeezer and public urinator without revealing their names in his testimony, said such outrageous behavior is tolerated more these days because

of growing competition than when he joined the business three decades ago.

Menchetti, who also was testifying in support of DeGiacomo, told the gaming commission that when he said he'd forgotten to post a bet, DeGiacomo and others generally made accommodations. He said the intention was never to steal — at most, it prolonged his stay at the table — but he expected special treatment, given

his level of play, according to the transcript of the hearing.

“It's no different in my mind than me calling my host and asking him for an extra 2,500 points on my account so I can go purchase something at a Lux, Bond & Green,” he said, referring to a jewelry store. DeGiacomo said Menchetti did not do anything close to cheating and the two of them became victims of selective enforcement because certain bosses did not like either of them. DeGiacomo, who is still fighting her dismissal, said rules shifted depending on the player and pit bosses were encouraged to keep high rollers happy. She testified during her hearing: “I have to make sure that we get our money, which we did, every time he played. There's maybe two times he won.” As part of the state police investigation, the detective interviewed several dealers who said Menchetti would hit the table, curse and yell at them. They told the detective that in cases where he or other high rollers asked to post a late bet or for other considerations, they would defer to a superior. □

## Slave drama ‘Underground’ snares John Legend to handle music

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) —

John Legend is bringing his talents to a TV drama about Southern slaves fighting for freedom. WGN America says Legend and his production company will be in charge of the score and soundtrack for “Underground.” The drama is in production in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It stars Aldis Hodge as the organizer of an escape effort by plantation slaves. Jurnee Smollett-Bell and Christopher Meloni co-star. WGN America told a Television Critics Association meeting Wednesday that Legend's company will also serve as an executive producer for the drama.

In a statement, Legend says he believes the story



In this May 13, 2015 file photo, John Legend arrives for the opening ceremony and the screening of the film “La Tete Haute” (Standing Tall), at the 68th international film festival, Cannes, southern France. Associated Press

of people brave enough to risk everything for freedom will be inspirational.

He and his songwriting partner, Common, won an Os-

car this year for the song “Glory” from the civil rights movie “Selma.”

“Underground” will air in 2016 on WGN America. □



# Iraqi Militias Train Young Teens to Face the Threat of IS

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**Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — A quiet middle-class Shiite neighborhood in western Bagh-

Prevention Act of 2008 says the United States cannot provide certain forms of military support, including foreign military financing and direct commercial

summer, The Associated Press saw over a dozen armed boys on the front line in western Anbar province, including some as young as 10. The PMF says

Baghdad.

"God willing, when I complete my training I will join them, even if it means sacrificing my life to keep Iraq safe," he said.

which are among the fighters under its umbrella. But the PMF receives weapons and funding from the Iraqi government and is trained by the Iraqi military, which receives its training from the U.S.

When informed of the AP findings, the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad issued a statement saying the U.S. is "very concerned by the allegations on the use of child soldiers in Iraq among some Popular Mobilization forces in the fight against ISIL," using an acronym for the militant group. "We have strongly condemned this practice around the world and will continue to do so." Earlier this summer, on the front lines where Shiite militias are fighting IS in western Anbar province, Baghdad natives Hussein Ali, 12, and his cousin Ali Ahsan, 14, told the AP they joined their fathers on the battlefield after they finished their final exams. Carrying AK-47's, they paced around the Anbar desert, boasting of their resolve to liberate the predominantly Sunni province from IS militants.

"It's our honor to serve our country," Hussein Ali said, adding that some of his schoolmates were also fighting. When asked if he was afraid, he smiled and said no. Last year, when IS took over the northern city of Mosul, stormed to the doorstep of Baghdad and threatened to destroy Shiite holy sites, Iraq's top Shiite cleric, Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, called on the public to volunteer to fight. His influence was so great that hundreds of thousands of men came forward to join the hastily-established Popular Mobilization Forces along with some of the long-established Shiite militias, most of which receive support from Iran.

Then, on June 9, as schools let out, al-Sistani issued a new fatwa urging young people in college, high school and even middle school to use their summer vacations to "contribute to (the country's) preservation by training to take up arms and prepare to fend off risk, if this is required." □



**Young Shiite volunteer militia fighters pose for a photo before battle against Islamic State fighters in Tikrit, Iraq. The Associated Press has found that militia forces battling the Islamic State group are actively training children under 18 years old.**

**(AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed)**

dad was transformed recently into a mini-boot camp, training teenagers for battle against the Islamic State group.

The Shiite boys and young men, some as young as 15, ran through its normally placid streets carrying out mock exercises for urban warfare since the toughest battles against the Sunni extremists are likely to involve street fighting. They were taught how to hold, control and aim light weapons, though they didn't fire them.

These young fighters could have serious implications for the U.S.-led coalition, which provides billions of dollars in military and economic aid to the Iraqi government. The Child Soldiers

sales to governments that recruit and use child soldiers or support paramilitaries or militias that do.

Hundreds of students have gone through training at the dozens of such summer camps in Baghdad, Basra and other cities run by the Popular Mobilization Forces, the government-sanctioned umbrella group of mostly Shiite militias. The camps were created after the country's top Shiite cleric issued an edict calling on students as young as middle-school age to use their school vacations to prepare for battle if they are needed.

It is impossible to say how many went on to fight IS, since those who do so go independently. But this

the training is just a precaution and that it does not deploy minors in combat, and the government says any underage fighters are isolated cases who slipped through on their own.

Of around 200 cadets in a training class visited by the AP this month, about half were under the age of 18. Several said they intended to join their fathers and older brothers on the front lines.

One 15-year-old in the class, Jaafar Osama, said he used to want to be an engineer when he grows up, but now he wants to be a fighter. His father is a volunteer fighting alongside the Shiite militias in Anbar and his older brother is fighting in Beiji, north of

It's yet another way minors are being dragged into Iraq's brutal war as the military, Shiite militias, Sunni tribes and Kurdish fighters battle to take back territory from Islamic State militants who seized much of the country's north and west last year. The Sunni extremists have aggressively enlisted children as young as 10 for combat, as suicide bombers and as executioners in their horrifying videos. This month, Human Rights Watch said that Syrian Kurdish militias fighting the militants continue to deploy underage fighters. The U.S. does not work directly with the Popular Mobilization Forces and has distanced itself from the Iranian-backed militias